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## Degree programs eliminated in response to budget cuts

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

In preparation for a possible \$10.3 million budget cut for the next fiscal year, NSU officials announced this summer that the university will be eliminating nine education programs and multiple minors and concentrations within the year.

Programs being discontinued include: Bachelor of Science in physics and chemistry and Bachelor of Arts in journalism, sociology and political science.

Lisa Abney, provost and vice president of Academic and Student Affairs, said 150-200 students have been affected by this change, which is saving the university about \$2.5 million.

NSU President Randall Webb said this was an undesired, but necessary action.

"These [budget] cuts are beyond brutal," Webb said. "Over the past couple of years, we have tried to be especially sensitive to our students when making changes, but now we have no other options."

Abney explained that programs originally began being reviewed over a year ago, and in January, the Program Review Committee was

formed.

The PRC evaluated the cost of each program at NSU and its annual graduation rate.

If a program was ruled too costly or had a low completer number, then the PRC recommended to the Louisiana Board of Regents that the program be discontinued.

"We're trying to be good stewards of the state's money," Abney said.

Recently, the low completer standard, which is determined by the Board of Regents, was modified, which Abney said made it harder for programs to meet the state's requirements.

In the past, the standard was that a program had to have eight graduates within a five-year period, but the new standard is 10 graduates within a three-year period, Abney said.

Most of the programs discontinued did not meet this low completer standard.

Programs, like journalism, met the standard, but were simply too expensive to maintain.

NSU is allowing a one-year teach-out period for the students and faculty to prepare for the change.

Juniors and seniors in the programs being eliminated still have the opportunity to complete their original degree if they meet with their ad-

visers and plan properly, Webb said.

For those who have to change majors or minors, the change should not be a drastic one, Webb said.

He explained that Abney and other NSU officials worked hard to make sure that there would be an easy transition into a similar area of study for students.

"We still have a tremendous amount to offer students," Webb said. "We're using this time to develop NSU's areas of study."

Sophomore Laquisha Jamerson is one of the students that will be required to change majors after the year.

Jamerson, who began her collegiate career as a chemistry major, received a letter in late July informing her that her degree is going to be cut.

"Although I got the letter, I really didn't find out any useful information until after school started," Jamerson said. "To this day, I'm still getting the run-around about my class schedule."

She met with her adviser, who said Jamerson should still be able to graduate on time, but Jamerson said she is skeptical.

Jamerson's adviser suggested that she switch to a physical science major next semester.

Jamerson said she will do it, but

added that she is not happy about it.

"I'm really upset about having to change majors," she said. "I really had my mind set on studying forensic chemistry."

Students are not the only ones being impacted by the departmental changes. Numerous faculty and instructors are being affected as well.

Abney said six tenured and four non-tenured faculty members will be dismissed at the end of the year.

Additionally, many more faculty members have been moved to

other departments and asked to take lower-level positions as instructors.

NSU is not the only institution in Louisiana to cut education programs, but Abney said this university is the first to eliminate so many so quickly.

Nichols State University and Southeastern University began discontinuing programs about a year ago, but only a limited number were cut.

With predictions of budget cuts continuing to worsen, Webb said he

believes that it is almost inevitable that other institutions will begin to act similarly in the future.

Regardless of the changes taking place, Webb said he is still optimistic about the upcoming academic year.

"My hope is that this year remains a productive one," Webb said.

"It appears that our current freshman class is the best that has ever enrolled at NSU, and that's a real positive sign for the future."

### Programs Discontinued

Degrees: - M.A. in Heritage Resources  
- B.A. in Heritage Resources  
- B.S. in Physics  
- B.S. in Physics Education  
- B.S. in Chemistry  
- B.S. in Chemistry Education  
- B.A. in Journalism  
- B.A. in Sociology  
- B.A. in Political Science

Minors: - Geology  
- Physics  
- Chemistry  
- Journalism  
- Sociology  
- German  
- Historic Preservation  
- French  
- Philosophy  
- Political Science  
- Food and Nutrition

## SGA vice president steps down

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

"I did not meet SGA requirements," said Patrick Brooks, former Student Government Association Vice President. "I would prefer to leave it at that."

Brooks was required to give up his position as vice president last week and said he did not wish to elaborate on the reasons.

Brooks, who was elected in the spring to serve with SGA President Mark Daniels, said he is doing well compared to how he initially felt.

"I was at first bummed when I found out," Brooks said. "I was a little upset because I put in so much time and because I knew I was going to do amazing things for the student body."

"I'm feeling pretty good, now," Brooks said. "I'm still disappointed though."

He explained that he knew for a while that he had too much on his plate, and that he would have to give up his seat as vice president.

Yonna Pasch, SGA's faculty adviser, said she is sad to see Brooks have to step down.

"He's been a valuable asset, thus far, to the organization, and I encouraged him to stay active in the Senate," Pasch said.

Brooks said that is exactly what he plans to do. He said he plans to rejoin the SGA as a Senator and still serve the student body.

"I'm optimistic about my situation because I know I can still do many of the great things I planned - just as a Senator," he said.

Tara Luck, who was elected as the speaker of the Senate last semester, replaced Brooks in accordance to the SGA constitution.

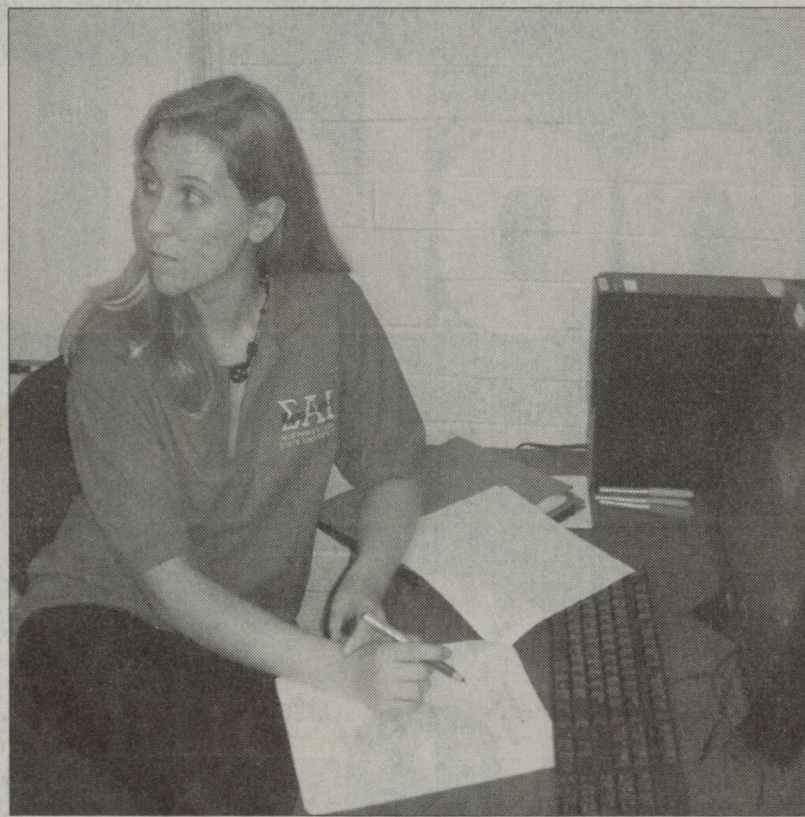


Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce

Tara Luck replaced Patrick Brooks as the new vice president of SGA after Brooks was forced to give up his position for not fulfilling his requirements.

Luck, who is in her second year with the SGA, said she is looking forward to the challenge of the vice president position.

"I'm excited, but at the same time pretty nervous," Luck said.

Luck explained that she put a lot of time over the summer into preparing to be speaker of the Senate and is actually slightly disappointed that she will not be able to fulfill her original position.

Regardless of where she serves, Luck said she will give it her best.

"I just want to help and be there for the student body," Luck said.

Both Pasch and Daniels said they have confidence in Luck's ability as the new vice president.

"She is a natural leader," Daniels said. "I know she'll be there to watch my back this year."

Despite having this rough spot to get through at the beginning of the year, Pasch said she is optimistic of what the SGA will accomplish this semester.

"This is definitely not the way I wanted to start, but it is what it is," Pasch said. "The cabinet worked

had this summer to prepare for the fall, so I know we'll be fine."

## Students buy into new book rental service

Taisha Johnson  
Staff Writer

Students now have a new option when shopping for textbooks.

This fall semester was the first semester NSU students had the option to rent textbooks.

Several colleges and universities agreed to launch this new rental program in their campus bookstores. This new program gives students another alternative to buying new or used books.

Students will be able to save 50 percent or more of the regular price of a new or used book and return the books at the end of the semester, according to the NSU Bookstore Web site.

Students will still be able to highlight in their books as long as there are no excessive markings.

They must agree to return the books by the due date in good condition or face steep fees. The rental prices are paid upfront with cash, financial aid funds or credit cards.

The Barnes and Noble bookstore on campus is one of many campus bookstores nationwide that have

decided to participate in the new book rental program.

Perry Moore, Barnes and Noble store manager, said, "It's something that our students here have been wanting for a while."

Moore said that the program is a cost-effective way to save money this semester, assuming that the books are returned in fair condition and on time.

"We can't always guarantee that we're going to buy the book back for 50 percent at the end of a semester," he said.

In addition to renting the book for a cut-rate price, another benefit that the new program offers is knowing how much the book is going to cost you upfront, Moore said.

Currently, 25 percent of the books in stock are rentable and are priced at 45 percent of their new book prices.

Also, several books are available for rental online if students aren't able to make it to the store, he said.

Moore said that the new book rental program has been very successful and has sparked a positive response on campus.

Sophomore Angel Johnson is satisfied with having another option besides buying new or old books.

"Even though I might not rent every book I need, I like having that option there," Johnson said.

Unlike the Barnes and Noble and Campus Corner bookstores, The Demon Bookstore opted out of participating in the new book rental program.

Eric Gilmore, The Demon Bookstore owner, has concerns with the new book rental program.

"Students can end up paying more in the long run," Gilmore said.

"The scary thing about the program is the risks that are involved. If something should happen to that book, for example if it's lost, stolen or damaged, the customer will be charged a replacement fee and a processing fee. Customers can end up paying almost double for the book."

As far as competition, Gilmore feels confident in his decision on not renting books.

"I'm not worried about competition," Gilmore said. "I know that students can buy and sell their books back here, and there are no risks involved."

## Parish takes part in primary elections

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist

Louisiana saw its first party primary this weekend.

Parishes voted in their party for their candidate for U.S. Senate and, in some parishes, U.S. Representative.

In the Democratic Party primary of Natchitoches Parish, Charlie Melancon received 66 percent of the parish-wide vote. Melancon also carried

the state vote with 71 percent.

In the Libertarian primary, a low turnout in Natchitoches allowed Randall Todd Hayes to win almost 93 percent of the 14 votes cast on Saturday. In the state, Hayes carried 62 percent of the vote.

In the Republican Party primary, incumbent David Vitter won the parish- and statewide vote. In Natchitoches Parish, he received 93 percent of the votes, but only received 88 percent statewide.

The U.S. Senate seat has received a lot of attention statewide. Melancon, a U.S. Representative, has run a campaign against Vitter focusing on his past scandals, including involvement with the D.C. Madame.

For the rest of this story, check out [www.thecurrentsauce.com](http://www.thecurrentsauce.com)

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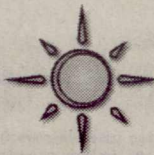
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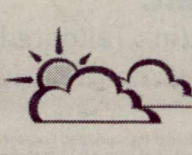
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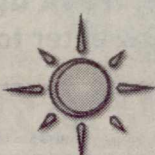
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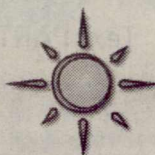
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Pictured above are students from NSU's College Panhellenic Council, which recently hosted recruitment for the university's sororities.

## Girls just want to have fun

Vanner Erikson  
Life Editor

More than 70 students participated in NSU's College Panhellenic Council's sorority recruitment.

The event was Aug. 26-29, and by the end, 59 received invitations to join a sorority.

This year's number of participants was similar to last year's, and every student who completed recruitment was offered an invitation.

CPC's recruitment consisted of an informational, open houses, philanthropy day and preferential tea.

To get women signed up for an event of this magnitude, the CPC, which is the governing body of sororities, covered the campus to promote sorority life.

The women handed out bro-

chures and worked display boards in order to get non-Greek women to sign up for recruitment.

"CPC is doing a great job of bonding together to form a team in order to promote Greek unity," said CPC President Alyson Breaux.

CPC's four sororities are Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

A newly initiated member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Hannah Hemphill, was also a participant of recruitment, but from the Greek standpoint.

"This was my first recruitment being Greek, and it was an experience I will never forget," Hemphill said. "It was so much work, but at the same time so much fun."

All of the women that participated in recruitment picked up their invitations to join a sorority this past Sunday.

Director of Fraternity and So-

rority Life Natalie Laurence said she thought that the whole process went flawlessly.

"All the Greek women were successful at promoting themselves and their sororities to the potential new members because everyone on all sides seemed to click and have a great time," Laurence said.

Laurence went on to say, "Now that sorority recruitment is finished, my next job is concentrating on the Interfraternity Council RUSH and the National Pan-Hellenic Council Mixer in the upcoming week."

All the new Greek women will formally join their respective sorority in the upcoming week by taking a pledge to join.

Everyone will see which woman went where in the next few days once they wear their bid day T-shirts and carry their new sorority bags.

### NSU Sorority Fun Facts

**Alpha Sigma Alpha**  
• Founded - 1901  
• Mascot - Phoenix  
• Philanthropy - Special Olympics

**Alpha Omicron Pi**  
• Founded - 1897  
• Mascot - Panda  
• Philanthropy - Arthritis Research

**Phi Mu**  
• Founded - 1852  
• Mascot - Lion  
• Philanthropy - Children's Miracle Network

**Sigma Sigma Sigma**  
• Founded - 1898  
• Mascot - Sailboat  
• Philanthropy - The Robbie Page Memorial

## NSU hosts Welcome Week

Vanner Erikson  
Life Editor

Recently, students had the opportunity to enjoy a week full of welcome-back activities.

"Make Your Move...More than a 'Bored' Game" was NSU's theme to this year's Welcome Week.

All the events started on Saturday, Aug. 21 with the residence hall move-in and an ice cream social that night.

Campus Living Villages sponsored both events on the first night of the new students' college experience.

The Freshman Convocation took place the next day. There, the students were welcomed to NSU by all of the academic department heads.

Kiley Louivere, a Freshman Connector, helped welcome all the new students to A.A. Fredricks,

where the convocation took place.

"It's great to see all the familiar faces from the summer orientation sessions, and it's awesome to see everyone so excited to be at Northwestern," Louivere said.

The President's Picnic followed the convocation.

After getting through the first day of classes, students were invited to a pool party sponsored by the Student Activities Board and Campus Living Villages.

Senior SAB member Jackson McNeal said the party was a success.

"The pool party was a great opportunity for new students to meet NSU student leaders and mingle with their peers," McNeal said.

Other events that took place included: the showing of Iron Man 2 on Turpin Field, a pep rally, a Demon Football scrimmage and a block party.



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Students take part in a block party outside Iberville Hall as part of NSU's Welcome Week 2010.

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## Bs'in with the Bull: Back in the saddle again

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



I am are going to be a bit confused as to why I am on the Opinions page as opposed to the Sports page.

Well apparently I need to be a teacher and not a student, because I taught Jimmie Walker to well, so he took my job.

Oh well, don't worry about me dear friends, I found an editor that will put me on this page so that I can put my ridiculous thoughts on paper.

Anyway, I digress.

With this first issue I just want to give everyone a sense of who I am and some of the things that you can expect from me.

Part of what makes me who I am is my random thoughts and my weird ways of doing things. For instance:

In public bathrooms I will sometimes use the "children's urinal" in order to feel like a giant.

If no one's around, I'm likely to sing along with Aretha Franklin's version of "You Make Me Feel Like

a Natural Woman", but not the Carole King version.

Why, because Aretha really makes me feel like a woman, where as Carole King's version makes me feel dirty.

I've never understood why anyone would bother making a porn movie that lasts longer than ten minutes.

I often pretend that the person standing next to me in an elevator is an unknowing carrier of a deadly airborne disease unleashed by terrorists who hate our freedom. This, of course, forces me to hold my breath until the doors open.

In the mornings when, for no perceivable reason, I turn into a teenage girl and repeatedly change my outfit.

I floss so that my dentist will be proud of me.

My one attempt at man-scaping ended in bloodshed.

Sometimes I sit on the toilet backwards just to pretend that I'm on a motorcycle.

Those are just some of the random things that run through my mind and just a few of my actions that to this day I really don't have an answer for.

With that, I also have a list of rules that I try to live my life by. I feel that these are very important rules and if you follow them, you to can have a good life.

1) Don't fall for a woman who has had sex with one of your rock 'n' roll heroes. No matter how emo-

tionally evolved you think you are, you will never enjoy listening to Eric Clapton again. It brings a whole new meaning to the cream of Clapton.

2) Don't lurk around Web sites where people comment about your work unless you're drunk.

3) Don't use emoticons. You're too old to communicate like a twelve-year old girl.

4) Don't forget that you are the product of a culture that went stark raving mad about ten thousand years ago.

5) Don't eat anything bigger than your head.

6) Don't believe that crap that you're as young as you feel. Your feelings lie, and they lie often.

7) Don't hug men while shaking their hand. Enough already with that. The shake/hug (shug?) is probably something Roman guys did when their empire was in decline.

Anything else that didn't get covered in these rules, just wing it.

It's what I have been doing for 23 plus years.

That is me in a nutshell.

You have now been inside the mind of Andy Bullard. I cannot promise that it won't scare you, but I can promise that I will do my best to at least make you smile.

So in close I leave you with one of my new favorite quotes: "I may not have had the best childhood, but I certainly have had the longest." Anonymous.

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## Embrace the year

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief



estly say they had an enjoyable summer.

Hopefully by this point in time, your teachers have finished reading the same disability disclaimer that is required by law.

And I hope you have all survived the multiple fee payment, bookstore and financial aid lines.

It's a new school year, and it definitely feels like a different experience for me.

For one thing, this will probably be my last year here at NSU and Louisiana, and I have mixed feelings.

This will also be my first year as Editor-in-Chief of this fine publication.

By the time I graduate, I will have invested all four years of my collegiate career into the newspaper.

This, however, will be the first

time that I am solely in charge of the paper, and that is a weird feeling.

I have seen The Current Sauce do amazing things for the student body.

It is a great asset to the university and is a source of needed information for students and faculty at NSU.

This year, it is not only my goal to continue this tradition of The Current Sauce, but also to improve the manner in which we do so.

I cannot promise to you that our newspaper will be perfect and error free every week, because my staff and I are only human.

I can promise, however, that I will strive to provide honest, accurate news that matters to you, the student.

Although we're in some crappy times because of these continued budget and department cuts, I still have a hunch that this year won't be all too bad.

I'm sure there are many more students and faculty on this campus who are experiencing new things this year, and are unsure of what may lie ahead.

I can't tell you how to live your life, but I, for one, have chosen to embrace the new year with all of its changes.

Come by our offices in 227 Kyser and apply to become a staff writer for The Current Sauce. Meetings start at 6 p.m. every Monday. We hope to hear from you.

-The Current Sauce staff

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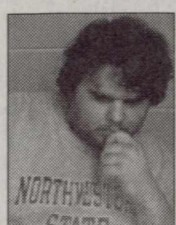
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## Half the Battle: Texting and driving

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist



changes that have been made recently to the university we all know and love.

Some of you have been informed that your majors and minors will not be here next year. Some of you may be losing a favorite teacher.

Some of you are incoming freshmen who are coming to a university that is different than what you expected it to be.

There are challenges ahead, no doubt about it. Our state has recklessly spent money.

They came up with a total sham of a budget, and have cost our dear university, among others, far too much.

However, my fellow students, we will do all we can to persevere.

You are not, however, persevering if you are in the middle of the road, texting, while students are trying to get to class. It seems more like you're giving up.

First of all, it's never a good idea to stand in the middle of the road when people are driving.

I thought that would be a given, honestly.

Second, there are sidewalks on either side of the road if you just cannot wait to tell someone you are "going to class."

We live in an era where communication is instant. I get that. I like Facebook and Twitter, and use both fairly frequently.

I even send a text message from time to time. Like I said, I get that

instant communication is nice.

What I don't get is what could possibly be so important that I have to wait for you to send a message to someone before I can park my car and go to class.

And so help me, if "lol" is anywhere in the message, I will find you.

You want to send a text message?

Wait until you're in class. That's what text messaging was created for.

We're supposed to ignore the person droning on in the front of the classroom and communicate with your significant other how you'd rather be at home snuggling than in that uncomfortable seat.

You're not supposed to hold up traffic for people who are already late to class because they were at home snuggling with their significant other, you inconsiderate child.

## The importance of education

Taylor Graves  
Sauce Columnist



go to school, do our homework and study for tests.

We were supposed to be quiet and take notes during class. We had to show our parents our homework and bring tests home.

It was understood that getting an education was important for a successful future.

No matter what we wanted out of our future, we still had to get an education first.

Where did these lessons go when the Louisiana Legislature decided how much to cut from higher education?

Did they forget what their mothers used to say about school and how important it is?

I understand there are a lot of issues with the Louisiana budget, and I'm sure our legislators did the best they could. But their decisions have caused universities, including

Northwestern State University, to make massive cuts.

During the summer, after laying off employees and making departments cut back, Northwestern made its largest cut yet. Nine programs and 11 minors were cut from Northwestern's academic program.

This program elimination affects multiple students, including myself.

Not only do students have to rethink their degree plans by graduating early, transferring or changing majors, but also there are alumni who will not have a program to come back to and visit.

The years these programs have put in at Northwestern to educate students and provide society with knowledgeable and experienced professionals will be only a memory after the program teach-outs are over.

I know Northwestern took multiple steps to make cuts before they resorted to program eliminations.

I'm sure cutting programs were the last thing that President Webb and other faculty wanted to do.

I understand Northwestern, along with the rest of the state, is in a tight bind with the budget.

What I don't understand is how our government and administration forgot one of life's earliest lessons: the importance of education.

Is it true that cutting these programs and minors was the best way to save money? Was there no other option?

Shouldn't teaching and educating the future of the world and country come before everything?

These questions and more should be asked of our administration.

I love Northwestern, and bleed purple and white.

But I can't help but feel like my school has shafted me from a promise it made to me when I was a freshman.

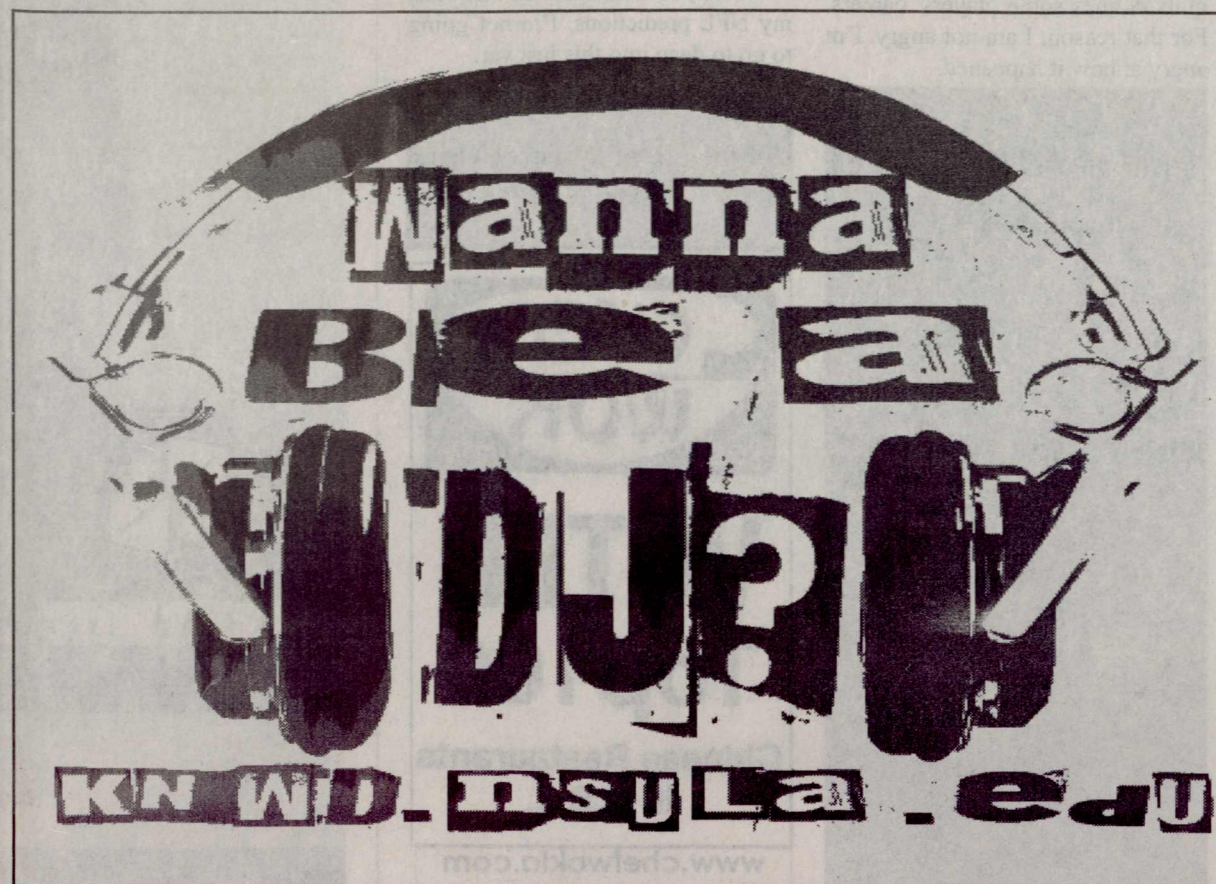
Along with every other student at this university, I was promised an education as long as I worked for it.

I have worked toward my education and my degree, but during the summer, the school I love decided to cut my program.

I realize I cannot do much about this since it is a done deal. But I feel that everyone should know the Louisiana Legislature and Northwestern hurt the students in those nine programs and 11 minors.

I know things are difficult, and our administration and government will tell us that this had to be done.

That is all fine and good, as long as our administration and government realize they have hurt higher education in Louisiana.





# Demon football looks to put the past behind them

Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student

“Something bad has to happen for you to see the light,” Yaser Elqutub, redshirt junior linebacker, said in reference to last year’s Demon football season.

The “something bad,” in this case, was the Demon football season going from a 7-5 record in 2008 to a 0-11 record in 2009.

To add to the mess, the team gave up 401 points while putting only 158 points on the scoreboard, which did not give the fans much reason to celebrate.

The team may not have won, but 2009 wasn’t a total loss. What the team gained despite the season was a foundation.

The 2010 edition of the team has 55 returning players. 30 of those returning players play on the defensive side of the ball.

Despite eight starters from last year’s defense graduating, the team is confident that this unit will play hard and fast, while negating their youth.

Leading the offensive charge will be true sophomore quarterback Paul Harris who started four games for the Demons during the latter half of the season. Harris completed 81 passes out of 144 for 978 yards.

Protecting him up front will be an experienced offensive line, including Preseason All-American Michael Booker and Preseason All-Conference selection Zach Case.

At the wide receiver position, the Demons have a player that looks more like a basketball small forward



Second-year head coach Bradley Dale Peveto talks to members of the Demon football team after practice. The team finished 0-11 last season.

Photo by Lovell Willis/ The Current Sauce

than a wide receiver. at 6 feet 7 inches, senior Adrian Reese.

Reese looks to have a “big” impact on games in 2010.

He will be joined by fleet-foot-

ed Bradley Brown, lead a talented wide receiving core. Brown scored two touchdowns last season and averaged 13.2 yards per catch.

Junior Sterling Endsley rejoins

the team after an injury sidelined him for the entire 2009 season. With William Griffin and Quentin Castille gone, he now looks to get most of the snaps at the running back posi-

tion. Sterling averaged 4.2 yards per carry and scored four rushing touchdowns during the 2008 football season.

Sophomore placekicker John Shaughnessy and senior punter Bradley Russo lead the Demons on special teams respectively.

When a team has a winless season it goes without saying that in the upcoming year they will be seen as the underdog in every game.

Elqutub agreed that this will be the case with the NSU Demons, but added that it is not necessarily a bad situation to be in. The team does not see it as a negative, but rather as a welcomed challenge.

“We see [the underdog label] as more fuel to the fire,” Elqutub said. “We feel like we can go into every game and lay everything on the line because we have nothing to lose.”

The season kicks off this Saturday as the Demons travel all the way to Colorado Springs, Colo. to play Air Force. After that, the Demons return home for a matchup against Samford on September 11.

Following the Samford game, the Demons will finish their two-game homestand with Tarleton State before they head to North Dakota for a rematch against the NDSU Bison. Last season the Bison defeated the Demons 27-20 in a game that could have gone either way.

The Demons return to Turpin Stadium on October 2, to kick off Southland Conference play as they host the McNeese State Cowboys. Then, it’s back on the road for the next two games as the Demons face the Central Arkansas Bears and the Texas State Bobcats.

The Demons have a long way to go to get back to the top of the Southland Conference, but one thing is certain: it is going to be an interesting journey.

## Dynamite: How could you?

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor



I’m back! If you noticed the italic words under my name, you saw that I am now the sports editor.

Now, first order of business, the NBA 2010 free agent period. This past summer has been one to remember for all NBA fans.

The 2010 free agent period left owners, general managers, players, and coaches alike in a frenzy.

Now, I know this is old news but I still feel hurt because of it. I liked the Cavs. I wasn’t a diehard fan but I’d like to think of myself as the reason LeBron James stayed around for as long as he did.

I was not happy after the smoked cleared. Many people—myself included—felt a little betrayed when James left his hometown for beaches, bodies, and hopefully a NBA championship. I wished that he had stuck it out just one more season.

Nevertheless, that is the nature of the business. The number of rings they can attain before they call it quits defines some players’ careers. For that reason, I am not angry. I’m angry at how it happened.

For weeks and weeks, James forced the world to hold their breath as he contemplated his decision. He often said that he was leaning towards Cleveland but when the time came, he aired an ESPN special that said different.

He ultimately decided to join Wade and Bosh in what seems to be a good team on paper.

James wasn’t the only big name tossed around this summer. Amare Stoudamire left the desert of Phoenix for the bright lights of New York in hopes of revitalizing the franchise.

Big Z followed LeBron to Miami and Shaq left Cleveland to join KG in Beantown.

Big Z is a good addition to the roster. He isn’t quick-footed but he can shoot well and is a good passer as well as a smart player.

Shaq just seems awkward, especially in Boston. He’s a year older and a year slower. Boozer went to the Bulls while Trevor Ariza joined Chris Paul in the “Big Easy.”

A few good names resigned such as Dirk, Carmelo Anthony, and Ray Allen but Anthony could be a part of next summer’s fiasco as he will be a free agent in 2011.

Now, second order of business, my NFL predictions. I’m not going to go to deep into this just yet.

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## Students say ‘Goodbye’ Blackboard, ‘Hello’ Moodle

Taisha Johnson  
Staff Reporter

What is Moodle? Moodle, which stands for Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment, is a free online course management system.

This academic year, students and faculty are making the big switch to Moodle.

NSU has been using Blackboard for over a decade, but faculty and staff piloted it almost two years ago and found it to be more convenient to its users.

Darlene Williams, vice president of Technology, Research and Economic Development, said NSU is transitioning from Blackboard to Moodle for several reasons.

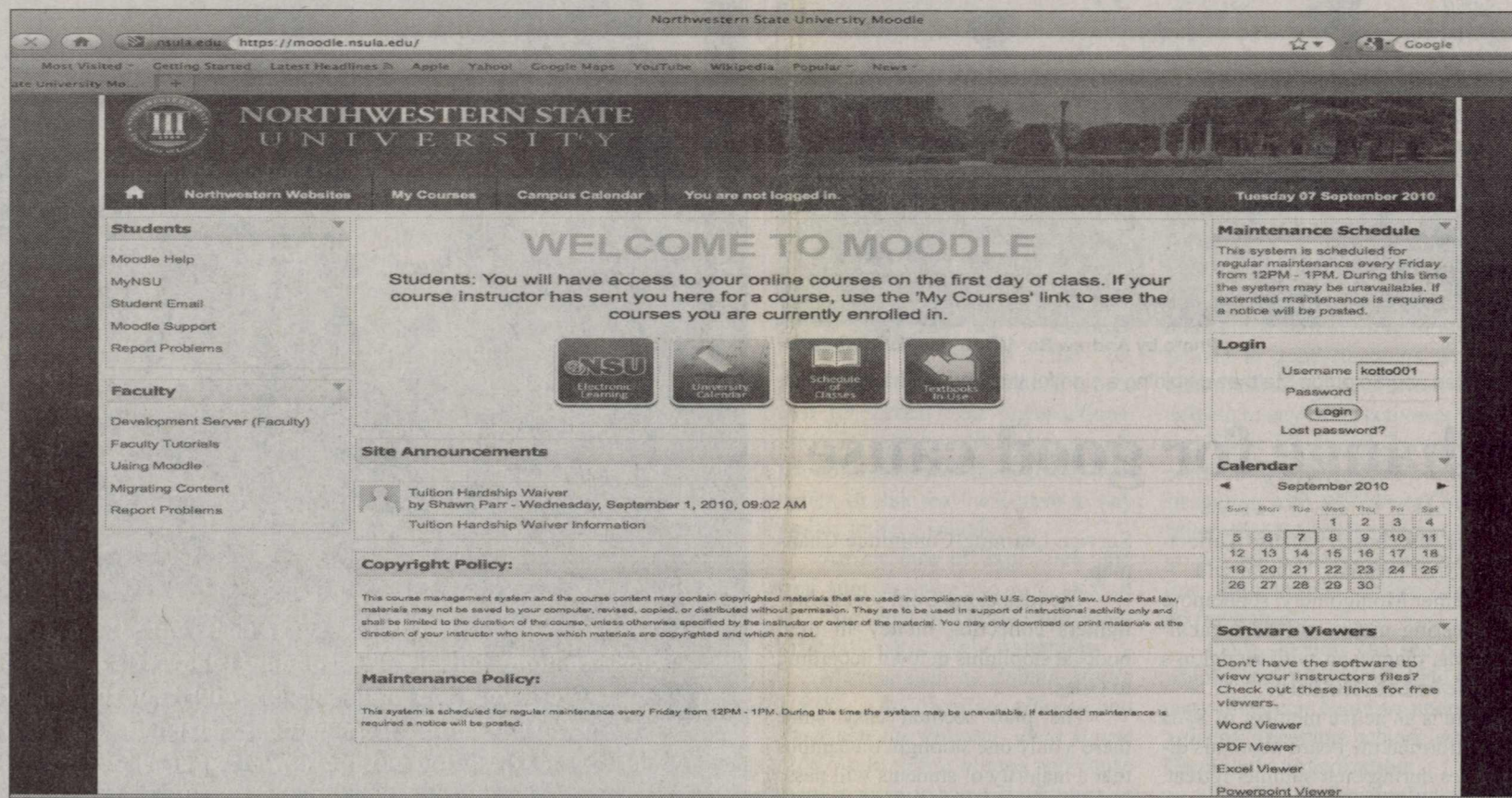
“Blackboard wasn’t providing flexibility in terms of teaching,” Williams said. “We couldn’t incorporate some of the things we wanted to do. It’s not as user friendly as Moodle.”

Williams’ staff worked to find software that integrated media more efficiently, for example.

Williams said the bottom line is that her and her staff needed to identify a course management system that for everyone, both online and traditional students.

They surveyed faculty to understand what issues they faced daily.

Millard Mangrum, biology instructor, is satisfied with the transition to Moodle.



Screenshot taken from nsula.edu

By the end of the year, NSU will replace Blackboard with Moodle as its online course management system.

online for so long that its become inherent to us to continue to look and see what our faculty and students are going to need to be able to keep moving forward,” Williams said. “It’s what we do.”

Although Williams and her staff decided to switch two years ago, they have been preparing to launch Moodle at Northwestern for the fall semester since last spring.

“It’s not easy,” Williams said. “We’re the largest provider of on-line programs in the entire state and we have several thousand online students. We’re a fairly large organization.”

The transition to Moodle appears to be a success, Williams said.

“We’re very happy about it,” she said. “So far I’ve received nothing but positive feedback. It’s been relatively smooth. I expect that we’ll encounter some things over the course of the next 12 months and we’ll address them as they come up.”

Williams and her staff preferred a transition over two semesters instead of abruptly switching systems.

Both Blackboard and Moodle are accessible for students and faculty until the end of next spring, prior to the renewal of the Blackboard license.

By next fall, Moodle will be NSU’s official course management system.

## Webb pleased with success of ‘Ask the President’

Andrew Bordelon  
Sauce Reporter

“I think Northwestern State University is a unique and special place, and we want [students] to feel comfortable,” NSU President Randall Webb said.

“Ask the President,” a new feature available on the NSU Web site, is intended to allow students to feel more comfortable by giving them the ability to ask Webb questions freely about anything they want.

Although the feature is new to the NSU Web site, Webb said the constant questions are not new to him.

“I’ve been doing this for years,” he said.

Webb has grown accustomed to giving prospective and continuing students, as well as parents, his business card.

He has been open to receiving e-mails and doing what he can to help students, and the new feature has helped crystallize many of the problems and concerns students and parents have about the university, Webb said.

The majority of those concerns have involved issues such as financial aid, admissions and academic

problems.

The hope of the new feature is to ensure that those who have questions to ask will feel like their e-mails are taken seriously and answered in a timely manner.

“It certainly keeps my staff and me busy,” Webb said.

Each question’s response depends on the research required to answer it, and he works closely with other services on campus to help answer many questions, such as housing, financial aid and academic advising.

“The reason I think it has been beneficial is because of our employees and the various people being so responsive to requests for information,” he said.

The incoming questions are not as numerous as they were at the beginning of the semester, yet they are still constant.

Webb hopes that as students continue to receive responses they will become aware of what student services can assist them, with different concerns or needs.

“I think it’s a great way for President Webb to reach out to students who need help,” said Chris Alley, a junior political science major.

Alley witnessed first-hand the concerns and problems that students

Mangrum said.

Like faculty, students who have called the help desk said they like the look and feel of Moodle. They said it offers a more modern, functional layout compared to Blackboard’s.

Brandon Bird, sophomore computer information systems major

from Shreveport, said he enjoys Moodle’s easy navigation.

“I like Moodle,” he said. “You don’t have to have used it previously to use it. It’s straightforward and easier to use than Blackboard.”

A number of schools in the state have already transitioned to Moodle

and others are in the process of transitioning, Williams said.

Williams believes that much of the transition to Moodle is attributed to budget cuts and to the fact that schools are trying to meet the needs of faculty and students.

“We’ve been offering courses

## SGA President Daniels stresses ‘student knowledge’ for fall semester

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

“Student knowledge - that is definitely our priority this semester,” said Mark Daniels, Student Government Association president.

Daniels explained that the SGA will serve as a facet of information for the student body this year.

“I want all students to know about their major, about the budget and program cuts and about what NSU still has available for students,” he said.

“It’s the SGA’s responsibility to do so.”

He said the SGA will not only be supportive by being there to answer students’ questions, but also by doing everything it can do to alleviate their struggles.

“We want to help take the burden of the budget cuts off of the students,” he said.

Daniels explained the ways in which he plans to do this is by working to ensure databases remain funded at Watson Memorial Library, spending funds in the Student Trust Fund wisely and helping NSU’s new fee policy pass through student vote.

Daniels said he and the SGA supports university officials’ decision to apply the same fees to all students, regardless of how many face-to-face classes they take.

NSU’s proposed policy would require students taking even only one class on campus to pay the same fees that a student taking a full load of classes on campus pays, Daniels said.

The current system only requires students with 12 or more face-to-face class hours to pay fees.

Daniels said the problem with the current system is that students under the 12-hour minimum are still coming on campus and using services that other NSU students have to pay for.

“Why should we, as students, cover the fees of other students when they’re taking advantage of what NSU offers,” he said.

About 1,200 students will be affected by this policy if passed, Daniels said.

The election for the proposed student fee policy will be included with the Homecoming King and Queen elections later this semester.

Senators will talk to students to help them understand that the majority of students will not be affected by the new policy, Daniels said.

As the semester progresses, Daniels and the Student Trust Fund Committee will also research possible areas in which the trust’s funds could be spent.

Daniels said the Student Trust Fund has about \$100,000 total and the committee can spend up to \$40,000 this year.

The committee’s areas of interest include renovating The Alley in Friedman Student Union and purchasing benches and swings to be placed across campus.

“The trust fund is something that we want to use to help all students,” Daniels said.

Daniels also plans to work with Vice President of Business Affairs Carl Jones and Electronic Learning

to make sure there is still funding for databases at Watson Memorial Library.

Jones explained that as part of the state’s cuts to higher education, NSU recently became financially responsible for the databases.

Jones and Daniels agreed that those resources are something students should not go without, and are working together to provide funding for the databases.

### Next week’s meeting

At next week’s meeting, Daniels said he intends to appoint former Vice President Patrick Brooks as a senator.

As long as he meets all of SGA’s requirements, Daniels said he would be glad to have Brooks rejoin the organization.

Daniels said he looks forward to having Brooks and new class senators join the SGA, which he said is already full of hardworking members.

“I’m really excited,” he said. “We have a great group of people, which makes this semester look promising.”

## City Council Update

Provided by Joe Cunningham

The Natchitoches City Council called a special meeting Thursday to pass an ordinance allowing construction to begin on the new Natchitoches Event Center parking lot.

Mayor Wayne McCullen said the new parking lot will not only ease congestion of the event center parking lot, but also provide parking for the upcoming Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and future hotel project in downtown Natchitoches.

The ordinance accepting the lowest bid for construction passed with a vote of 3-0, with council members Sylvia Morrow and Larry Payne not in attendance for the vote.



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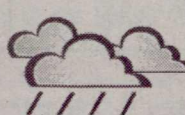
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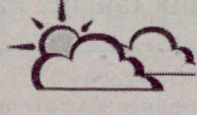
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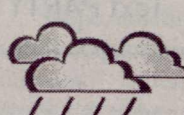
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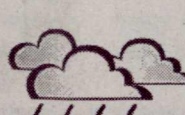
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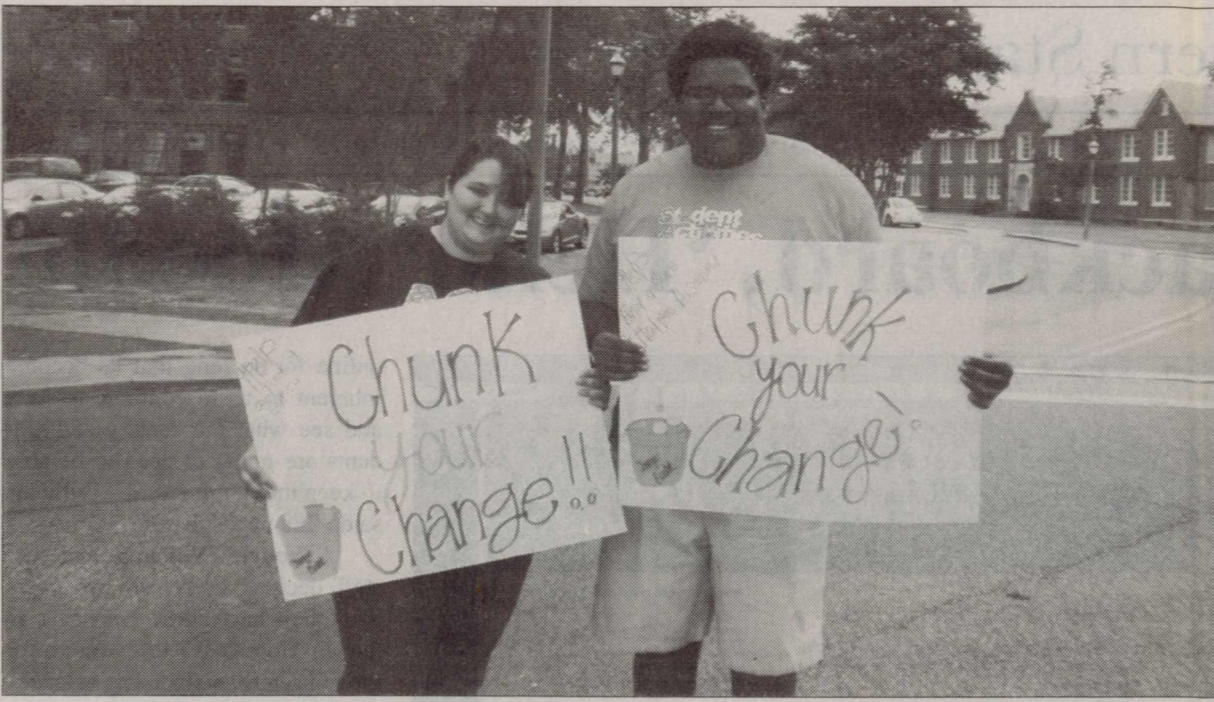


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Pictured above are SAB Members Chelsea Giles and Solomon Matthews holding a sign for the Chunk Change Event.

## SAB chunks change for good cause

Andrew Borderlon  
Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board, SAB, put on a "Chunk Your Change" fundraiser on Tuesday, Aug. 31, and collected over \$500 for Hodgkin's disease.

SAB members stood at the stoplight in front of the Student Union with change clanking around in plastic buckets and holding posterboards to catch drivers' attention.

Chris Vaughn, sophomore business administration major, is part of SAB and the Service Learning Committee, which organized the event.

Vaughn helped promote the campus event and stood outside with the other SAB members collecting change.

Although the committee could have picked any disease to raise money and awareness, Hodgkin's

disease was chosen because it affected an SAB member, Vaughn said.

Elmer Montgomery, sophomore engineering major and SAB member, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease on Feb. 18, 2010.

He is an active member of SAB and informed the board about his diagnoses during their summer retreat.

He was reluctant to talk about it with too many people in order to avoid people having pity on him.

"I'm still the same person," Montgomery said. "I'm still doing all the same things I did before."

Other members proposed raising money in support of Hodgkin's disease for their first fundraiser after Montgomery told them.

The disease runs in his family, he said, and he was glad to see support to help others with it rather than just himself.

Chelsea Giles, senior culinary arts major, headed the project as the

Service Learning Committee Chairman.

The idea came from seeing firefighters collecting money in their boots at stoplights in town according to Giles.

The plan seemed easy since there's only one stoplight on campus that a majority of students will pass.

"We hope to do it every year and keep it going as a tradition," Giles said.

The Service Learning Committee will be hosting several events during the school year to raise money and awareness for different organizations and causes.

"We try to let students realize life's not all about them and to help others," Giles said.

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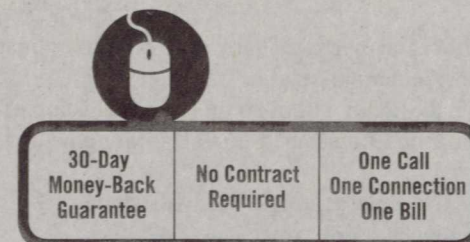


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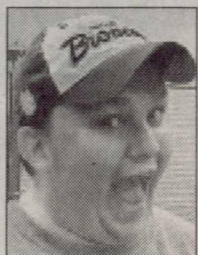
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# To pledge or not to pledge

## Why you shouldn't

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



almost six years now.

And no, I'm not going for a master's. I'm still after the bachelor's.

The one glaring thing about college that I don't love, besides finals, is Greek life.

To me it is one of the most dumbfounding things I have ever heard of in my whole life.

Now, I'm not one of those people that have been scorned by the Greek system.

This is not a personal attack on Greek life, and I don't mean any offense to anyone that is a member.

I'm really just here to possibly talk you out of wasting some time and especially money.

To me, there are several glaring problems with Greek life.

The first one is money. I mean, who has just lots and lots of random money to throw around at people just to have a bunch of people to party with.

Trust me, I am well aware that sororities and fraternities are great philanthropic organizations, but let's be honest, they are mainly known for their parties.

I just don't see the point in paying to have people hang out with me.

I just don't need friends that bad.

Secondly, who is incapable of making their own friends without having to pay for them.

I have heard the excuses about it providing "brotherhood" that you

cannot get anywhere else, and I say poppycock.

Also, other excuses I have heard as to why you should pledge is because if you travel to another college town with your sorority or fraternity in it you get to stay for free.

Well, I got news for all these people that think this is a great selling point: you had to pay to be in the group, and I'm almost 100 percent sure that Motel 6 is much cheaper than your dues.

Another thing that just turns me off to the whole idea of pledging is the amount of time that it takes up.

As a freshmen, I remember being extremely swamped with everything I had to do.

I had to juggle living on my own for the first time, actually having to pay attention in class, having a job, making friends and everything else that one normal freshmen goes through.

I would have hated to see what trying to throw the fraternity ball in to that circus show would be like.

I know that you have to attend several meetings a week. Plus on top of all these meetings, there are parties that you have to attend and other functions that must be attended or your membership status comes under fire.

To me that just seems like a whole lot of extra work that I had to pay for nonetheless.

The third reason for me not understanding pledging is the stigma that it comes with.

I know that for me personally it has been driven in my head that because this person is a member of this fraternity, then that means they are a tool.

Or, because this person is a member of that fraternity, then that means they are a huge partier.

Like I said, that has been driven in my head, and I believed it until I actually met people from these different places and realized that wasn't the case at all.

To me, it just doesn't make sense to pay money to be in an organization that has a bad reputation. Especially, if it's not true.

Another thing that confuses me is how they can make mention to that you will learn discipline and learn valuable life lessons.

I don't think being good at beer pong, or doing a minute keg stand are good life lessons.

The lessons that can be learned by pledging and being a member of the Greek life are the same that any person would want to learn on their own as it is.

I don't think that you need to pay to learn these life lessons. And if you are really hard up to learn these so called "life lessons," then join the military and they will pay you to learn these lessons.

Again to me, the whole pledging and Greek life is just a waste.

I mean if you have just gobs and gobs of extra cash and time, by no means let me stand in the way.

I just have a small feeling that people don't have this extra cash and time, especially as a freshmen just getting to college.

The main thing is that you don't have to join a fraternity or sorority to get this brotherhood, to learn these life lessons and whatever else can be said for joining.

These things can all be achieved by the several other organizations that are free to join.

I have achieved everything that Greek life promises, but I did it for free and did it when it fit my schedule.

So, if you want to find all the sorority and fraternity hype without the cost, e-mail me.

I'll lead you in the right direction.

I again want to say that by no stretch of the imagination, do I want to offend anyone.

If by reading this I have offended anyone, I do apologize. It was not my intention to do so.

## Why you should

Andrew Bordelon  
Sauce Columnist



Why should I join a fraternity? Many students considering going through Rush, the recruitment process for Greek-letter organizations, ask this question. Students are often concerned that their grades will suffer, or that they will have to pay money to have friends.

An absence of experience and past stigmas have led to a lack of understanding of Greek-letter organizations, particularly fraternities.

Movies such as *Animal House* (1978), *Old School* (2003) and *American Pie Presents: Beta House* (2007) add to this stigma and cause many people to view fraternities as womanizing drinking clubs.

People with this view of Greek life miss the valuable skills and morals taught by fraternities and how members learn to balance the academic and social sides of college.

The fact that members pay dues strays some people's interest and makes them think they're paying for friends. The money collected from members, however, helps pay for events, house payments and donations.

Part of the money pays for the fraternity house for chapters that own one; this is exactly the same as paying rent for an apartment or house in college.

Another part goes toward social events, exchanges and parties hosted by the chapter.

Just as one spends money when going out with friends to a bar, bowling alley, movie theatre, etc., the money pays for parties and events that fraternities have.

Fundraisers and money collected from members are used to make

donations to the group's philanthropy, a service organization the fraternity works with.

Making good grades is another concern of students considering joining as well as those who are already in the fraternity. People not involved in Greek life fail to realize that being a member requires one to maintain a certain GPA in order to remain in good-standings with the organization and be allowed to participate in any of its activities.

There are also study hall hours required by fraternities for members struggling with school work because fraternities realize the importance of grades and understand that it comes first. Without school, there would be no fraternities.

Once students can see past the stigmas and false views held by society, they can begin to understand a deeper meaning behind joining a Greek-letter organization.

People are naturally social. They want to interact with others on a personal level, which gives them the urge to make groups of friends, date and feel compassion for those friends around them.

Fraternities provide a structured environment for members with similar interests and values to form lasting friendships and brotherhood.

At the same time, they teach members how to work with others in the organization that may have different opinions and backgrounds.

Being in charge of one's peers is a challenging responsibility. You want to develop friendships and stay on a positive note with them, but you are placed in a position that causes you to tell them what they need to do.

From the president to the newest initiate, responsibilities of members teach the difference between friendly interactions and business affairs.

By following a standard for conducting business, members are able to confront problems in a pro-

fessional manner in order to avoid drama and get on with what needs to be done.

Fraternities teach members time and risk management. Members learn skills to help them balance the academic and social aspects of college life.

They also learn what should and should not be done, yet some individuals still break these rules. Even though the fraternity is not at fault, the blame falls on the organization as a whole.

Disciplinary actions could be taken against an individual for breaking the rules but the fraternity will be the one who receives the blame. This is what stresses a greater sense of responsibility.

Members learn that their actions reflect on the fraternity's well being which gives them greater responsibility and an opportunity to live for something bigger than themselves.

It teaches them how individual accomplishments can turn into organizational goals and personal failures can become group setbacks. After all the skills are taught, values are stressed; however, success will fall on the individual fraternity member.

Like college, personal motivation is what will yield one's results, but fraternity life is meant to coincide with college life: a healthy balance between academics and social interaction.

It is an organization meant to preserve and foster brotherhood, responsibility and morality for those who seek to take the lessons taught seriously.

The rituals and secrets kept by Greek-letter organizations are not meant to be an outdated, "hocus-pocus" joke, but rather a means to preserve morals in an immoral society.

As culture continues to change, the rituals will remain unchanging in order to continue teaching young men and women invaluable lessons of respect, discipline and responsibility.

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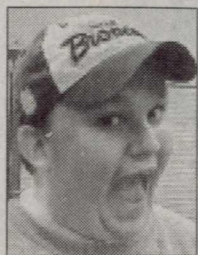
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## Bs'in with the Bull: How time flies

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be about.

Then I remembered, thanks to my calendar, that this Saturday is the ninth anniversary of Sept. 11.

I remember when the towers fell.

I was a freshman in high school in my Spanish class watching the TV.

Also, I remember the pain and anguish that I felt for all those people that lost their lives.

I remember the moment I got home from school, I dropped down on my knees and prayed.

The one thing that sticks out in my mind from that horrific event is

how we, the American people, rallied together and finally became one nation.

We had finally become what our forefathers had hoped we would be. All the blood, sweat and tears were finally not in vain.

We had finally arrived as a young nation.

We had finally gotten to the point where we could do some serious damage against our enemy.

Well now, nine years later, I am still on my knees praying for this country, but this time for a completely different reason.

Now this country is in such disarray for so many different reasons. The Democrats blame the Republicans and the Republicans blame the Democrats.

And all the third party people blame themselves because they are the only ones listening to them.

I don't blame anyone except myself.

As should everybody else, because if you think about it we are all to blame.

No matter if you are black,

white, Republican, Democrat, believer in God or not.

Because if we get to the point where we can admit we are wrong, then things can truly change.

I truly believe that if we can remember that we are all in this together and that we should help out our fellow man before we put him down, then this country will rise from the depths it seems to be in at the moment.

Now, I'm just so afraid that we are so far away from the mentality we had only nine short years ago.

I don't want to see what it will take for us to be as together as we were.

It truly makes me sad to think that all the people that lost their lives on that day, and all the brave men and women that have given their lives over seas has been in vain. Or, at least it has up until now.

So until we can remember that sense of unity and brotherhood, we all shared only nine short years ago, I will continue to be on my knees praying for some kind of miracle to happen.

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## Half the battle: Fiscal stupidity

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist



didn't read it all.

Truth be told, I couldn't get past the first sentence.

"With a conservative Republican occupying the governor's mansion in Baton Rouge..." is as far as I got. After I read it, I turned off my computer and sat in the dark for about 45 minutes pondering that statement.

I became convinced that I must have missed a recent gubernatorial race.

So, I went to Louisiana's Wikipedia page and looked up our current governor.

"One of these pages is wrong," I muttered to myself. "And Wikipedia has a bad track record."

I went to check a few other legitimate sources and, sure enough, Bobby Jindal is our state governor. That took me back to the original news article I was reading. Perhaps I had read the first sentence wrong.

Nope, it definitely says "conservative Republican in the governor's mansion." Unless Jindal has been throwing some (TEA) parties recently, I think this article is wrong.

Why is this article wrong?

Bobby Jindal is not, in fact, a conservative. A conservative believes in, among other things, fiscal responsibility. The Louisiana state budget, on the other hand, is about as far from fiscally conservative as a drunk guy at a bar sitting next to an attractive, single female.

Our state legislature used one-time money to pay for recurring funds in the budget.

Go ahead and take a break here. You're going to need to wrap your head around that sentence. Just typing, I had to stare at it for a few minutes because it didn't look right.

But, that's the thing. It's not right. The state senate took \$87 million from our emergency response money to pay some recurring funds.

What happens if a hurricane hits Louisiana? We just sit there and wait for a warm day to dry up the water, because we have no money to fix the problem.

That's just the start of it. You can go online to [sunshinereview.org](http://sunshinereview.org) and look up the 2011 fiscal year budget. There will also be a link to House Bill 1 that lists all of the expenditures.

Bobby Jindal advocated and pushed for this budget.

Our university is one of many to suffer because of the insane idea to cut education when there are so many other programs that can take these cuts.

So, no, Bobby Jindal is not a conservative. Not with our state about to drive over the edge of this budgetary cliff.



# Demon soccer breaks even with ULL, TCU

**Lovell Willis**  
*Practicum Student*

Friday night's match marked the continuation of a four-week home stint for the Demons, who were fresh off their first win of the season.

The Ragin' Cajuns of ULL entered the game with a record of 3-1.

Early on the Cajuns looked determined to put another L in the home team's Win Loss column by putting the first score of the night on the board in the 11th minute of play.

The goal came from the Cajun's all-time leading goal scorer, senior captain Kelli Jestes.

After the goal the Demons seemed to be looking for answers throughout the rest of the opening period.

After the break the home side came out on fire. They became visibly more aggressive on the attacking end of the pitch taking chance after chance on the target.

Ashlee Savona, freshmen forward, was able to score after being tightly contested by ULL defenders. Her goal tied the game up at 1-1.

The aggressive play up front on offense was supported by a very stingy defense on the back end.

"We are very good on defense" Jessica Danku, freshmen goalkeeper, said. "It allows our offense to play really aggressive because they have backup".

Danku played a large role in suffocating ULL's offensive attack with very solid goalkeeping throughout the closing half and overtime play.

With 8 seconds left on the clock

the demons were awarded a free kick from 45 yards.

With the home crowd watching in anticipation and the entire bench on their feet NSU Coach Jimmy Mitchell called on Danku to take the shot.

She ran and struck the ball with time expiring. The shot soared through the air and over the head and arms of the Cajun's goalkeeper giving the Demons the 2-1 win.

"We had the free kick and coach said wait until eight seconds," Danku said. "I saw how close we were and I just knew I could hit it and I just went for it."

"That was crazy," Mitchell said. "That's the advantage of having a goalkeeper that can strike the ball so well. She constantly puts pressure on people and we're able to get an extra player forward. People just aren't used to seeing that."

Their win against ULL improves their overall record to 2-3.

Sunday's matchup against Texas Christian University did not see similar fate.

The Lady Demons fell 4-3 to the Horned Frogs after leading 3-2 going into halftime.

"I thought we did a really good job in the first half and really was on the aggressive end of play," Mitchell said. "It's a far cry from where we were three weeks ago when we started the season."

The Lady Demons drew first blood when Kali Hellinghausen, sophomore defender, scored in the 16th minute.

TCU knotted the game two min-

utes later when Kaitlin Hellmann's corner kick was knocked in by Nikki Wilbur.

The game stalled for the next eight minutes as neither team received a break from the other.

In the 26th minute, NSU's Rachel O'Steen, junior midfielder, received a through ball that lead to a breakaway goal attempt.

Horned Frog goalkeeper Kelsey Walters mistackled O'Steen and was given a red card.

That gave the Lady Demons a penalty kick that was blocked but volleyed back in by O'Steen to increase the lead to 2-1.

Kayla King, junior forward, added to the NSU's score in the 29th minutes when she scored on a breakaway goal thanks to a goalkick by NSU's Jessica Danku.

With 36 seconds remaining in the half, TCU cut the lead thanks to Kirsten Halverson and Jordan Calhoun.

Halverson struck a cross pass from Calhoun 15 feet out for a goal to bring the score to 3-2.

The match was all TCU in the second half.

Calhoun got her name on the score sheet when she scored on a pass from Chelsea Cody two minutes into the half.

The Horned Frogs doubled their point total in the 79th minute.

Kaylie Garcia increased the lead 4-3 when she scored a five-footer.

The Lady Demons return to action this Friday as the team play host to Louisiana-Monroe at 7 p.m. at the Demon Soccer Complex.

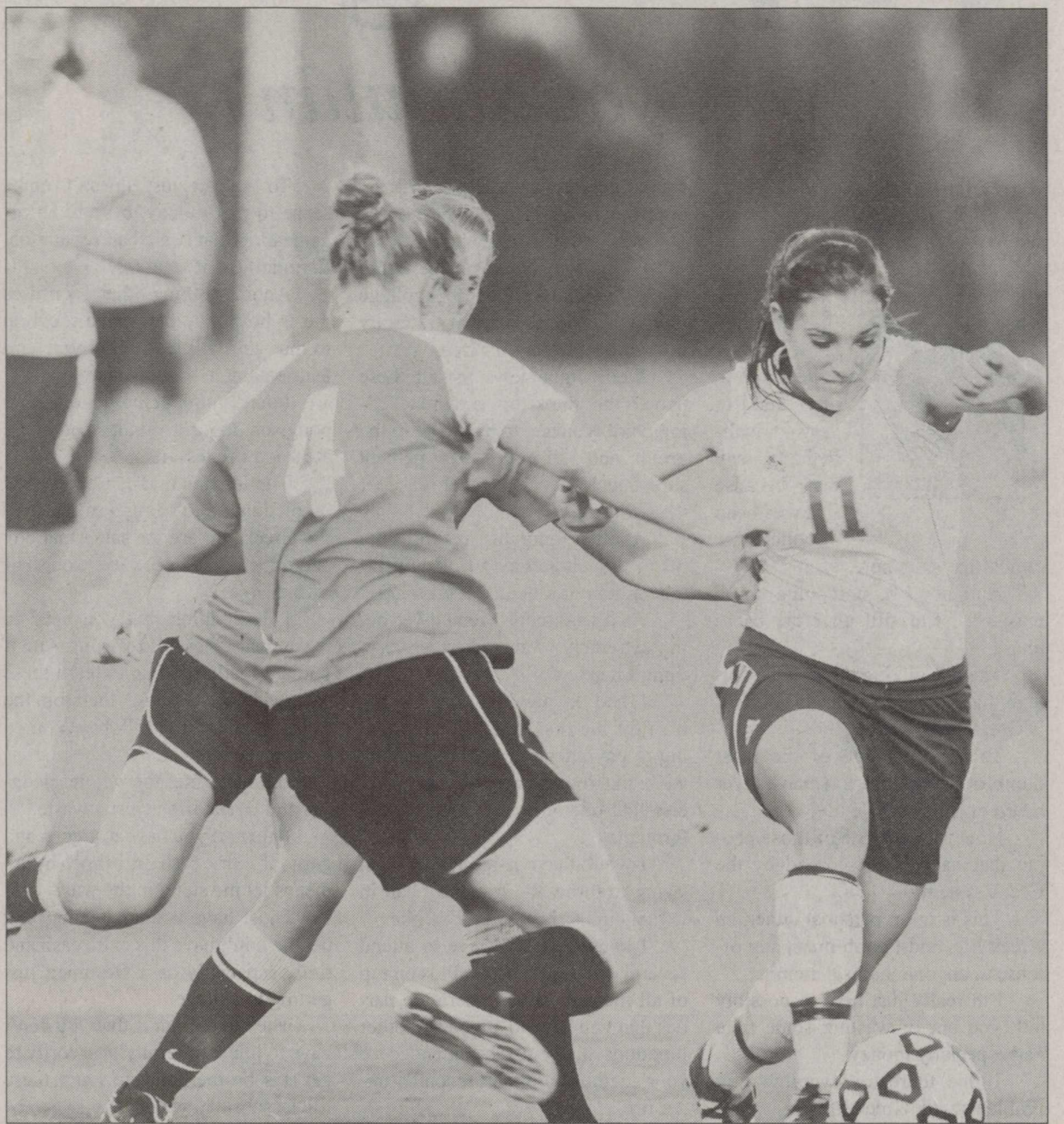


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Kayla King dribbles past two defenders in a 2-1 win against the Ragin' Cajuns at the Demon Soccer Complex.

## NSU Volleyball struggles

**Logan McConathy**  
*Sauce Reporter*

The NSU volleyball team went 1-3 at the Samford Volleyball Invitational in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Demons fell in straight sets to host team Samford at noon Friday to start the tournament.

NSU suffered another straight set defeat to the Golden Eagles from Tennessee Tech Friday afternoon.

Saturday NSU split games between Syracuse and North Texas.

The Demons fell in straight sets to their Big East opponent in the morning but came back in the afternoon session to take down the Mean Green from North Texas.

NSU collected the win in the final game of the tournament thanks to a career performance from Lauren Peltier.

Peltier had a career high 42 assists as well as 10 digs and six kills.

The Demons won the final match of the tournament with a 19-25, 25-16, 25-21, 17-25 and 15-12.

NSU's Taylor Deering led the team in kills for the weekend and was named to the all tournament team.

"Winning the last match felt as if we won the whole tournament," Deering said.

"We told ourselves going into the match against North Texas that we were not going to leave Alabama without at least one win," she said.

The win against North Texas

brought the Demon's overall season record to 4-3.

"Our goal going into this season was to be better than the year before," Deering said.

"Honestly, I didn't think that we would achieve it so quickly."

The Demons entered the weekend tournament with confidence after winning the Arkansas State tournament.

While in Arkansas the Demons beat Louisiana Tech to start off the weekend and later that evening beat the home standing Red Wolves in a five set match.

NSU then sealed the tournament championship with a straight set win over Arkansas Pine Bluff.

Deering and her teammates have received a real boost of confidence from the early season success but have no plans on stopping their winning ways.

"I am glad that we rediscovered who we were there in that last match," Hugh Hernesman, NSU co-head coach, said.

"To me that was the most important thing heading into next weekend at McNeese."

The NSU volleyball team will be back in action this weekend when they travel to Lake Charles to participate in the McNeese State Invitational.

NSU will face Prairie View A&M and University of Louisiana-Monroe on Friday and University of New Orleans Saturday.

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## High school students compete in ROTC Demon Challenge

Taisha Johnson  
Staff Reporter

Parway High School's Air Force JROTC program won first place in the third annual Demon Challenge.

NSU Army ROTC cadets hosted the event for high school students Saturday, Sept. 11 in coordination with Demon Football's Military Appreciation Day.

Demon Challenge is a daylong event that allows high schools with junior ROTC programs to compete in physical fitness tests, while building character and having fun.

"It gives cadets around the state the opportunity to challenge their leadership abilities, physical abilities and build team unity," Lt. Col. Kevin McAllister, NSU ROTC, said. "The Demon Challenge highlights NSU, its campus and it also highlights our program."

The ROTC hosted eight schools this year including, Natchitoches Central High School, North Caddo High School and Leesville High School.

Out of those eight schools, 13 competitive teams fought to win the trophy that was awarded at the end

of the day.

Trophies were awarded for winners of individual events, such as The Gauntlet obstacle course, and the overall top three scorers were recognized during the NSU v. Samford game.

Unlike past Demon Challenges, there were two teams in attendance that were not Army JROTC.

"It's the first year the Air Force JROTC cadets are involved," McAllister said. "We've been trying to expand exposure when it comes to getting the word out about our event."

Demon Challenge required planning and work prior to school starting.

McAllister said, the cadets in the ROTC program ran the Demon Challenge and the event served as a training tool for them.

"It gives our cadets the opportunity to exercise their planning skills," McAllister said.

Leanne Taylor, senior psychology major in the ROTC program, said it's a planning process and the before, during and after have to be considered in preparation for the challenge.

"In addition to putting the event together, we also planned for the

things that could go wrong," Taylor said. "We covered everything, from making sure there was enough water for everyone to making sure no one gets hurt."

Taylor said she's got a lot of training by participating in putting the event together.

She said the Demon Challenge lets her exercise her leadership attributes and help develop young cadets.

"I like seeing the cadets have fun, work together and build leadership skills," Taylor said.

Hallie Polen, a junior from North Caddo High School of Vivian, La., competed with her teammates for the first time this year.

"My team and I participated in the physical fitness test and the one-rope bridge," Polen said. "We could have done better, but we still had fun."

Polen looks forward to returning for the next Demon Challenge.

"It's my first time at the Demon Challenge and it looks like the ROTC cadets here have learned a lot," Polen said.

"I'm hoping to get an ROTC scholarship and I'm thinking about coming here," Polen said.



Contributed photo

Lt. Col. McAllister, NSU Army ROTC Professor of Military Science, awards two cadets from Parkway High School's Air Force JROTC program with the 1st place trophy for their performance in this year's Demon Challenge.

## SGA Senator requests impeachment of Treasurer Major

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

Student Government Association Senator Tiffany Thomas presented a letter to the cabinet at its meeting Monday requesting that SGA Treasurer Shanice Major be impeached from office due to malfeasance of office.

Thomas, who is also Student Affairs Commissioner for the SGA, said Major has been late or absent to most of her required meetings and has failed to fulfill her duties as vice president of the Organizational Relief Fund Committee.

"These actions strain the SGA and are not acceptable if we are

to move forward successfully this year," Thomas stated in her letter. "Shanice has not been performing at her optimum level this semester, and I feel that her impeachment should definitely be considered."

Thomas said she was selected by the cabinet to write the letter and added that it is purely out of the welfare of the SGA and the student body.

"It's nothing personal," she said. "I love Shanice."

Major received a copy of Thomas's letter this week, and the SGA decided it will hold the impeachment trial Monday, Sept. 20 following its regular meeting.

Major said she disagrees with

Thomas's accusations that there has been a "malfeasance of office," and plans to appeal her case at the trial.

"I disagree with her claim completely," Major said. "I have been on top of my game."

Major admitted that she did miss her ORF Committee meeting and that she was late for a cabinet meeting, but added that the reasons for missing other meetings were school related.

She said she had make-up tests in class to take that could not be rescheduled.

Despite missing the meetings, Major said she is still informed about everything going on within the organization and has still ensured

her duties have been met.

Major explained that she had no idea anyone wished for her to be impeached until she received Thomas's letter.

"It's a big surprise," she said. "I didn't really think there were any problems."

Major said she wishes Thomas and others who are having a problem with her performance would have come to her earlier.

"I feel like the gun was jumped," she said. "I wish I could've talked to Tiffany about this first before she took this drastic step."

If removed from office by the Senate, which requires a two-third vote, Major said she would be losing

about a \$3,500 scholarship.

Major said she of course would be disappointed about losing her scholarship, but said she would be more upset that the SGA would not have prepared a replacement if she is removed from office.

SGA President Mark Daniels said he is waiting to form an opinion about the situation until he hears both sides at the trial.

Daniels, who has already lost Patrick Brooks due to his removal from his position as vice president earlier this semester, said the situation is not ideal, but said he is proud of the Senate for taking the initiative to solve a potential problem.

"I'm glad we're being held ac-

countable," Daniels said.

After hearing each side's argument, Daniels said he will make his recommendation to the Senate, but said it is ultimately the Senate's decision.

"It's the Senate's responsibility to make a decision, and I will back whatever conclusion they make," he said.



### City of Natchitoches Update

Joe Cunningham

The Blue Ribbon Charter Commission met on Monday, Sept. 13, for their first regularly scheduled meeting. Dr. Sue Weaver, who was named chairperson at the official seating of the commission, led the meeting's agenda.

In attendance were Dr. Alex Aichenger, who will work with the commission as a consultant; Bill Vance, who established the Help Our Parish Endure (H.O.P.E.) group in an effort to help the police jury and the commission in transitioning to a new parish government; Natchitoches city councilwoman Sylvia Morrow; police jury president Fred Jacobs and police jury member Christ Paige.

Catherine Hamilton, the police jury secretary, was also at the meeting. Hamilton had been helping the commission with recording and transcribing commission meetings until a recording secretary could be found. On Sept. 14, Frances Gilcrease from Fairview Alpha was named recording secretary for the commission and will assume the responsibilities Hamilton had taken on at the commission's seating.

On the agenda were items pertaining to how the commission would operate. The first order of business? Establishing when the group would meet. The group reached a consensus on meeting every second and fourth Monday of the month, with the possibility of adding other meetings as issues come up.

The commission's next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 27. During that meeting, the commission will get underway with a "check-list" of items to be discussed concerning the charter.

Provided by the Natchitoches Parish Journal

## NSU officials announce fall enrollment of 9,244

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

NSU announced that its enrollment for this fall is 9,244, three students fewer than last year's fall numbers.

The enrollment surpassed the university's projected number by two students, said Mary Edith Stacy, director of Enrollment Management.

NSU President Randall Webb said he is pleased with the number of students returning and joining the university for the first time.

Webb explained that NSU officials were hoping for at least 9,000 students, which will make it easier to

combat the state's continued budget cuts on higher education.

Obviously, if more students attend NSU, the university receives more tuition and student fees, which is desired and needed, Webb said.

"With this economy, many high school students are turning to junior colleges to get their education," he said. "It's nice to see such positive numbers, despite the major shift to junior colleges."

Webb also officially announced that NSU's entering freshmen are some of the best ever to come through the university, based on test scores.

For the first time, the freshmen

had an average ACT average composite score that exceeded the Louisiana and national averages, Webb said.

NSU's freshmen had an average of 21.3, which is 1.2 points higher than the state's average and .3 of a point higher than the national average.

Additionally, their scores for each section of the ACT, with the exception of the math section, are higher than the state and nation.

"I'm very pleased that this seems to be an excellent freshmen class," Webb said.

"I look forward to seeing NSU's retention rate improve because of

their capabilities."

Stacy explained that next year, test scores of entering freshmen could continue to rise as a result of increased admission requirements that NSU is adopting.

Stacy said she and her staff are already looking forward to the future.

Her staff began recruiting new high school students across the state two weeks ago.

Webb said he and NSU officials take recruiting seriously and said he hopes that NSU continues to bring in many quality students.

"We're hard at work," he said. "Recruiting never stops at NSU."

### Reminder:

The public is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony of the New Student Services Center Friday, Sept. 17 at 9 a.m. The event will take place at 306 Sam Sibley Drive.

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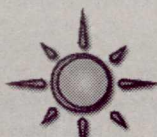






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Pictured above is Kaylee Wagner, freshman health and human performance major, posing with her mom and dad at Freshman Family Reunion.

## NSU families enjoy food, family and fun

Van Erikson  
Life Section Editor

Family, food and fun was a great way to kick-off the home opener for Demons Saturday, Sept. 11.

Family members of new NSU freshman had the chance to catch up with their students at Freshman Family Reunion this past Saturday.

Freshman Family Reunion is an event hosted by the Office of Student Life and First Year Experience.

The event is usually held at the first home football game of the season, this year's game was against the Samford Bulldogs.

Amid all the reuniting of families there were several events

planned out for all to attend during the day starting at noon.

Madison Wakefield, Demon VIP President, was one of the many behind the scenes that help with set up and during the day.

"It's a whole lot of work setting up for Freshman Family Reunion, but it's worth it when it comes time to see all the families having fun together because it adds to the new student's college experience," Wakefield said.

The agenda for a typical family started with check-in at noon.

Families received shirts along with meal and game tickets for later. An optional tour of the town by one of the Natchitoches Trolleys was available right after check-in was

finished.

Kaylee Wagner, freshman Health and Human Performance Major, was one of the many new students in attendance with her family.

"The atmosphere of the tailgate is so fun to be around and I can't wait for the game to start," said Wagner.

Once all the families settled in around 2 p.m. Sodexo, the campus food provider, served everyone with hot dogs, hamburgers and salads.

As families finished eating the Demon football team and coaches marched behind the Demon cheerleaders across the tailgating field.

While the team walked across the field the fight song was played over the speaker system.

Once the players left, a pep rally was started. Students from the Stu-

dent Life Office hosted the pep rally.

All the spirit groups of NSU were in attendance, Demon Dazzlers, the Purple Pizazz Pom Pon Line and the NSU Cheerleaders. All the groups gave performances to entertain the families.

In between performances parents became a part of the pep rally by participating in small field games such as hula hooping and small field games.

"Watching the parents show their spirit is probably my favorite part because everyone is having fun watching," Wakefield said.

After door prizes were handed out and a last fight song was roared, all the families began to march in unison to Turpin Stadium to watch the Demons in their home opener.

## NPHC steps into the fall

Lynda Hammet  
Copy Editor

National Pan-Hellenic Council, coordinating body of the historically African-American fraternities and sororities, stepped into the fall Sept. 1 with its annual NPHC mixer open to all students.

The council's six organizations on campus performed in a step show as part of the mixer.

"I am so excited about Greek life and the mixer was the icing on the cake," Dominique Jackson, freshman nursing major, said.

The show started with a Greek roll call in which organizations recited their sorority and fraternity chants.

During the hometown roll call audience members shouted out when their area codes were called.

Organizations performed in reverse order of their founding dates.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., founded in 1922, performed first. Known as the "Pretty Poodles" on campus, they shimmied to "Pretty Poodle Swag," a song customized for their sorority.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., founded in 1920, next performed a "new school vs. old school" theme. It began with a soulful sorority hymn sung by member Juankeitha Jones

and included stepping and strutting by members.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., founded in 1914, performed spoofs of TV shows and commercials. They were followed by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., founded in 1913.

The Divas', as they refer to themselves, performed a construction site theme, wearing construction belts as they chanted about working hard.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., founded 1911, next performed "The Omega Man vs. The Que Dog," as fraternity members are known on campus.

The last performance by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., founded in 1906, began with member Eric Howard singing about a "cold semester," referring to the common description of members being "ice cold."

"It was my first time seeing the Alphas perform and I thought they were excellent," Latresha Easter, freshman social work major, said.

The emcees of the show were Garrison Moore, member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Erica Thomas, member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and president of NPHC.

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Pictured above is the National Pan-Hellenic Council showing their symbols.

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## The Alley: Back in action

Chasity Taylor  
Practicum Student

The Alley, located downstairs in the Student Union next to the Grill, will be re-opening its doors for students and organizations to enjoy the space that once was home to campus events such as poetry nights and many others.

Juankeitha Jones, member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., said she remembers the days when the alley was a hangout spot.

"It was a place for Greeks and non-greeks to relax between classes and after hours when there was nothing else to do on campus," Jones said.

"That's when the alley was the alley."

Jones also said the alley was where the National Pan-Hellenic Council, coordinating body for the nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities, held most of their events.

The events ranged from parties to probates.

"I remember going to a comedy show my freshman year in the alley

it was awesome," said Anettria Robertson, senior education major.

"But unfortunately before the alley re-opens its doors there are still a few last minute things that need to be done before the first event scheduled on Sept. 15 takes place," Kirk Lee, Assistant Director of Student Activities, said.

The list of things that still need to be done include some electrical re-wiring, painting of the floor and minor maintenance work.

The work that has already been done include a new sound system, projection screen, new TVs, stripping and refinishing of the bar, painting the walls and repairing any leaks that were found.

The finances for this extensive project came from student technology fees and the student union account.

Lee and his student workers are currently working on putting the alley up on the Virtual Event Management System, a system that manages room requests for the university.

Until the alley is on EMS organizations can book the Alley in room 214 of the Student Union.



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Pictured above is The Alley during the process of restoration.

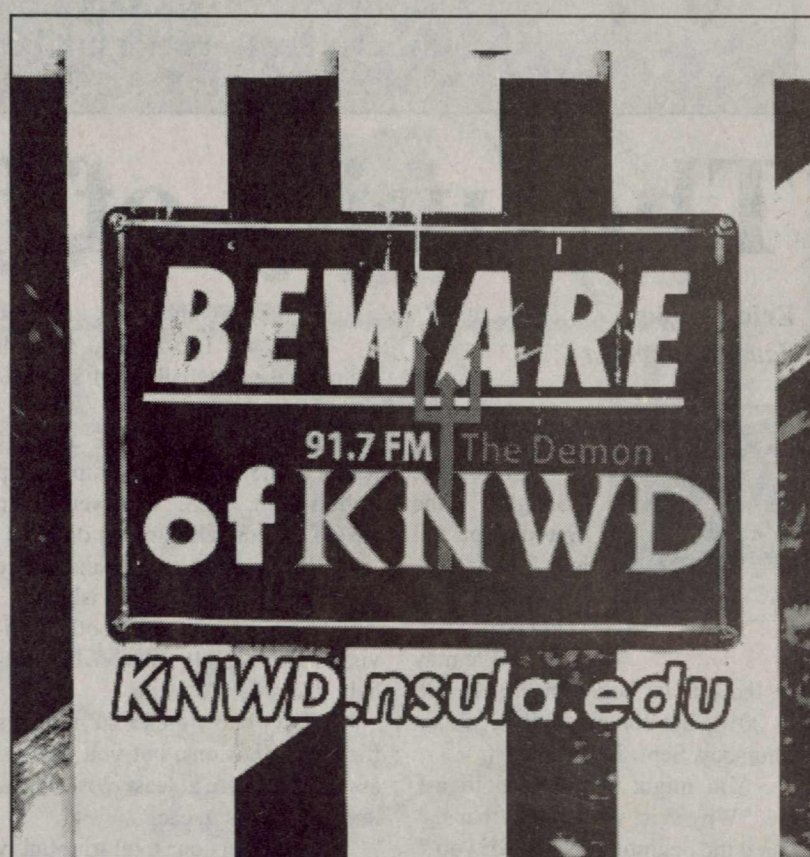


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Pictured above is a Chili's employee hanging a colored pepper for a donation to St. Jude's.

## Chili's teams up with St. Jude's to create-a-hope

Andrew Bordelon  
Sauce Reporter

While looking over the variety of food on the menu at Chili's, customers cannot help but be drawn to the vast array of colorful chili peppers that nearly cover the ceiling of the local restaurant on Kyser Ave.

The unique pieces of art are one of the many types of fundraising being done for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

St. Jude's has relied on charitable contributions since its opening in 1963.

"The daily operating cost of St. Jude is \$1.5 million," Finnon Flowers, general manager of Chili's in Natchitoches, said.

The seventh annual Create-A-Pepper to Fight Childhood Cancer campaign began the first week of September at more than 1,500 Chili's Grill and Bar locations across the country.

The local restaurant has already raised \$8,000 since it started the month-long campaign and is hoping to reach its goal of \$20,000.

Customers can buy t-shirts with a blank chili pepper and writing and

then can design t-shirts themselves in support of the campaign.

Local businesses have also been purchasing window space for the month-long fundraiser for support.

Earlier this month, the local restaurant hosted a Modern Warfare 2 video game tournament and raised over \$500.

The local Chili's will continue asking for contributions on the radio as well using the free air time given by 94.9 AM talk station.

With only about half the month left, Chili's is encouraging local residents and NSU students to contribute in any way they can.

Some of the opportunities available, as posted online by St. Jude's, are: make a donation to St. Jude's and receive a Create-A-Pepper chili pepper coloring sheet, text HOPE to 90999 to make a \$5 donation, buy a Create-A-Pepper T-shirt or buy a Create-A-Pepper wrist band.

Customers may have to wait for a wristband, however, since Chili's has had to order more after selling out of the chili pepper shaped bands within the first week of sales.

Chili's will also be donating all profits from participating restaurant sales to St. Jude's on Monday, Sept

27. This local contribution will help the national corporation meet its annual goal to give to St. Jude's, which is part of the Chili's corporation's 10-year pledge of a total of \$50 million.

It is currently the fourth year of the pledge, and they haven't missed a donation since the start.

Rochelle Cassel, culinary manager at Chili's in Natchitoches, explained how the restaurant plans to host different events to raise extra money.

Friday, Sept. 17, Chili's will be hosting a golf tournament at the NSU WREC.

For more details or to sign up to participate contact Bill Hodges at Chili's in Natchitoches.

Saturday, Sept. 18, Chili's will be hosting a powder-puff tournament for NSU sororities and girls.

The teams include 10 girls and cost \$50 per team. Please contact either Cassel at Chili's or Amanda Richard, Chili's employee and Phi Mu alumni.

"We'll take all the help we can get," Flowers said. "Anyone who wants to get active, we're more than willing to listen."

## Reminder:

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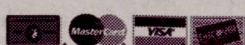
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## Hypocrisy at its best

Taisha Johnson  
Staff Reporter



A few weeks ago, I came across a headline that read: "Church plans Quran-burning event."

I quickly scrolled back up the page, hoping that I could blame what I thought I just saw on the fact that I am long overdue for an eye exam rather than accepting that horrible possibility.

I scrolled up and there it was, staring me back in the face.

My first thought was, 'Are you serious? What a way to foster world peace. Who in their right mind would commemorate a tragedy with an event that could ignite even more tragedies?'

Terry Jones, pastor of the Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Fla., is the man behind this foolish activities.

Jones, also the author of the controversial book, "Islam is of the Devil," planted signs in front of his church promoting the same hatred.

The church is selling t-shirts, mugs and other items branded with similar anti-Islamic messages.

If this isn't hypocrisy at its finest, I don't know what is. There is

no way any Christian can interpret the burning of 200 Qurans out of Hebrew's peaceful verse, "Follow peace with all men holiness without no man shall see the Lord."

Is there a chance that Jones and his congregation skips over that part of the Bible?

It's no doubt it's blatant disrespect for the Muslim religion, but it's also disrespectful to our country.

It threatens the very ground we walk on. Who's to say that terrorists won't take this nonsense as another reason to target the U.S. again?

And the threat doesn't end at our borders, it stretches overseas where our soldiers are taking the heat for us. There are troops fighting everyday for our security.

Jones should hold our troops in the highest regard considering that he and his members can peacefully exercise the right of assembly at every Bible study or Sunday morning service.

Late last week, CNN reported that Jones decided against his initially planned, "Burn A Quran Day," after a number of public officials, including President Obama, General Petraeus and former prime minister, Tony Blair, spoke out against it.

Jones told reporters he would not burn any Qurans Saturday or any day in the future.

So, maybe, Jones is a Christian after all.

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-The Current Sauce staff

## Letter from the president

My Fellow Demons,



I hope you all have had a great start to the semester.

I am writing you today to let you

know more about a bill passed by the Student Government Association that you will be voting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. This bill will change what students will be considered a part of the Natchitoches campus and pay student fees.

When internet classes began, no one could have foreseen the evolution and growth that we see today.

Once they were added to the curriculum at Northwestern State University, they were separated and classified by themselves.

This has caused problems over the last several years because students did not realize that these we counted separate and were not allowed to participate in events and receive items that were part of student fees.

The most used example is if

a student takes 9 hours of face to face classes and a three hour internet courses then they are not paying most student fees.

These fees fund SGA, SAB, Current Sauce, and Potpourri just to name a few.

With this problem, SGA was charged to decide the best way to fix these so that the groups receiving fees would be able to continue to provide services.

The SGA passed a bill in Spring 2010 which stated that any course not labeled Shreveport would be considered Natchitoches.

This would include all Leesville, Alexandria, and Internet students as part of the Natchitoches Campus.

Shreveport was left out because they have a Student Government who looks over their campus.

Over this summer, Dr. Webb, Dr. Abney, and several faculty and staff members as well as members of the SGA all went to Baton Rouge to present this bill to the UL Board.

They approved the bill and now it goes to the student body for vote.

Many people have asked what will change if this bill passes.

If you are taking at least 12 hours on the Natchitoches campus (face to face classes), then nothing

will change for you related to student fees.

If you take the majority of your classes on another campus or internet, then you will now be assessed the student fees for Natchitoches campus.

While you will be paying these fees, you will be able to partake in all of the events and student services these fees pay for such as SGA and SAB events, receiving a yearbook, and many other things.

We as the SGA believe that this is the best way to protect our campus and student fees for now and for the future.

All students who are part of Northwestern should be allowed to receive the same benefits that come from student self-assessed fees, regardless of how they choose to take their classes.

If you have any questions about this bill or anything else SGA does, please come to our meeting every Monday at 7 PM in the third floor of the student union, or come by the SGA office, room 222, in the Student Union.

I hope everyone has a great semester and Go Demons!

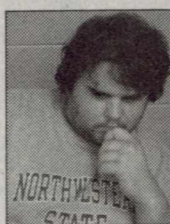
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## Half the Battle: We all have rights

Joe Cunningham  
Sauce Columnist



I got into an argument recently with a man over the morality of homosexuality.

To him, it is wrong because it is illegal in most

states, well sodomy is, and it's a violation of what is written in the Bible.

There are a few problems with that argument.

The first is the idea of the government dictating how we, as a nation, are to have sex.

I don't know about you, but the idea of the feds looking into windows to see if we're violating the law in that regard is both incredibly funny and just a bit scary.

What concerns me most is that we are still using laws based on the old Mosaic Code.

Don't get me wrong, Mosaic law has ideas I can get behind.

But, let's face it, folks. We are selectively following it.

Take, for instance, the idea no man shall lie with another man, no woman with another woman.

In the same code, it also says that touching the flesh of a dead pig is a Hell-worthy trespass.

I don't know about you, but I love pulled-pork sandwiches. And bacon.

Especially bacon.

So, why then do we get so enraged over the idea of homosexuals getting married?

I propose we ban sausage, hot dogs and bacon and see how long it is before the nation overthrows the government in favor of a Communist, pro-bacon regime.

Trust me, it could happen.

All jokes aside, to say that we are a free country and that everyone is equal, but also deny homosexuals the right to peace and love is hypocritical.

And if any of you are thinking about the "snowball effect" theory and how if gays can marry, men should be able to marry sheep, I wish you would realize that only sick people have that obsession.

And don't bring up the polygamy argument either, because only a masochist would want more than one wife.

Oh, or more than one husband. Sorry, ladies.

Whereas, homosexuality is not a sickness.

Most of the scientific community has shown us that there is a genetic factor to homosexuality, which brings me to something else the person I was arguing with said.

He said he saw no difference between homosexuality and stealing because they violated the law. And that statement, my dear reader, is bigotry.

There is no reason to think that. They are people too. They have a right to the same thing you and I do.

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Eric Brooks  
Sauce Columnist



According to the Web site USA.gov, the first day of fall is Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010 at 11:09 p.m.

That may be the official beginning of the fall in 2010, but for me, fall began on Thursday, Sept. 2, at 6:30 p.m.

You might be tempted to ask me, "Why Eric, what was it that signaled the beginning of fall for you?"

Very good question, young reader.

My answer would be that on Sept. 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. was the first snap of the college football season.

The Presbyterian College Blue Hose took on the Wake Forest Demon Deacons, with Wake Forest going on to pull out the win 53-13.

Now, I am not a fan of either of these teams, and this game had no effect on anything important in the realm of college football. What this game did mean though, was that fall had officially begun.

You see, for me, fall begins the moment the first snap of football is taken in a collegiate stadium.

Now you may be wondering why in the world the first snap of college football could mean so much to a person, and that would be a very reasonable question.

Lucky for you, I'm about to answer it.

There is nothing on this great planet that brings people together like college football.

Let me explain.

There are 120 college football teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision, FBS.

On top of that, there are 124 teams in the Football Championship Subdivision, FCS. Our very own NSU Demons fall into that division.

What's great still is that there are three more of these divisions.

There is division II football, division III football, and NAIA football.

I don't know the exact numbers for these divisions, but you have to assume there are at least close to one hundred teams in each.

That brings our total to roughly 500 college football teams in the U.S..

That's a whole lot of pig skins.

That also means that on any given Saturday, there could be 250 college football games going on simultaneously.

I then have to assume that the average attendance for all the games in college football is around 10,000.

Yes, you will have those games where there are like one hundred people there, but at the same time you have teams like the University of Michigan and the University of Texas who sell out their stadiums of 100,000 plus every Saturday.

So if my math is correct, that's 250 games at roughly 10,000 people attending each, that's 2.5 million people in a stadium, cheering on their team.

That's right, I said 2.5 million people. These numbers seem a little crazy, even to me as I sit here and write them.

What's even more astounding, is that this 2.5 million, isn't including TV viewership.

These numbers are an amazing thing to think about, but they are still not the reason college football is the greatest sport on the planet.

The reason that it is the greatest is that within these 2.5 million people are thousands of different ages, races, genders, religions and political beliefs.

When Saturday rolls around, as long as you have that NSU Demon shirt, that LSU purple and gold, that Central Michigan Chippewa or whatever your team is, you are welcomed.

Politics, age and religion no longer matter.

You are just a fan. A fan here to watch his or her team play. A fan here to cheer for his or her team no matter what.

You're ready to paint your body and act like a complete idiot.

Or, ready to yell at the opposing team and hug the person next to you, stranger or not, when that ball crosses into the end zone.

That, my friends, is why college football is the greatest sport on the planet.

The brotherhood you have with that person next to you when you are yelling at the top of your lungs is an amazing thing.

Sure, this also happens in other sports, I cannot deny that, but I don't believe it occurs to the same extent that it does in college football.

So this Saturday, when your college football team runs onto that field, act like an idiot. Yell and scream along with the people next to you. Hug that stranger next to you when your team scores.

And, most of all, realize that you are taking part in one of the greatest events that can ever be imagined.

## The unity of football



## Balanced Bulldogs too much for Demons

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

The Demon football team's lackluster offensive performance sunk its losing streak to 0-12, last Saturday when they faced the Samford Bulldogs at Turpin Stadium.

The Demons, 0-2, fell to the Bulldogs, 1-1, by the score of 7-19 in a game that started off very defensive for both teams until Samford broke loose before the half.

With the score being 0-0, Bulldog running back Chris Evans capped off an 80-yard, 13-play drive with a rushing touchdown to make the score 6-0.

The Demons answered with a three-and-out, giving Samford an opportunity to add more points to the scoreboard before halftime.

Bulldog kicker Cameron Yaw nailed a 44-yard field goal on the final play of the first half to take a two-score lead.

After halftime, abysmal offensive play continued for the Demon football team. Another three-and-out lead to a scoring opportunity for Samford and the Bulldogs happily took advantage of it.

Yaw socked a 43-yard field goal only three minutes into the third quarter to push the lead to 12-0, Bulldogs.

A few more unsuccessful Demon drives lead to another scoring drive by Samford.

Backup Bulldog running back Jonathan Sillers capped off an eight-play, 68-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run of his own.

The Demons finally fought back



Photo by Steven Schaefer

The Demon football team prepares to run on to the field prior to the home-opening football game against the Samford Bulldogs. The Demons lost 19-7 on its Military Appreciation Day.

late in the fourth quarter. Paul Harris, sophomore quarterback, led an eight-play, 59-yard drive to put the Demons on the scoreboard for the first time during the game.

Harris scored on a one-yard qb sneak with 7:52 left in the fourth. This brought the Demons within two scores, with the score being 7-19.

The ensuing Demon possessions led to two interceptions negating any comeback attempt.

"They kicked our tails and I congratulate Coach (Pat) Sullivan

and his Samford Bulldogs," Bradley Dale Peveto, second-year NSU head football coach, said.

"We couldn't get untracked on offense, and we didn't come up

with the stops we needed to get off the field on defense," Peveto said. "They won the battle up front and maintained control of the game once they got ahead."

The Demons had 215 total offensive yards for the game compared to the Bulldogs, who had 459.

Evans helped contribute to Samford's 239 rushing yards with a 109-yard, one-touchdown performance by Evans.

The Demons had a ground game of 47 yards total.

"I am proud of the way our guys relentlessly competed," Peveto said. "We had a great, not a good but a great, goalline stand to keep it 19-0."

"We finally got points on the board and kept swinging but couldn't get any closer," he said. "We didn't play very well on either side, but we competed. We've got to be better,"

Next week, the team is back in action at Turpin Stadium.

The Demons look to add a notch in the win column as Tarleton State makes its way to Natchitoches before the NSU takes a trip to Grand Forks, N.D. for its rematch against North Dakota State University.

"This team needs a win," Peveto said. "We all need a win. I've been very proud of the attitude. We've got to stick together, and we'll do that."

"Tarleton State has had a slow start but they're an excellent program that went deep in the playoffs just last year, and they have a tradition of winning," Peveto said. "They will be as hungry for a win as we are and we need to go execute like we can, and be the better team Saturday night."

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The Student Government Association wants all students to be treated equally, whether their classes are in Alexandria, Leesville, Natchitoches or online. We are all part of Northwestern State, and we should all be part of what it has to offer.

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Each year more students are pushed into classes that are only offered online or on one of Northwestern State's satellite campuses in Alexandria or Leesville. Under the current university policy, that pulls funding out of valuable campus programs and limits which students can take advantage of them. We'd like to change that policy and infuse the campus with an additional \$281,000 every year, sent directly to programs like Student Union events, the Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center, and student media outlets.



## Freshmen find net in shutouts

Logan McConathy  
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demon soccer team started the weekend by grounding the Warhawks from University of Louisiana-Monroe Friday, Sept. 10, and capped off the weekend by defeating Prairie View A&M on Sunday, Sept. 12, afternoon.

The weekend was full of first for the Lady Demons.

In the match against ULM, Alexandria Jackson, freshman forward, got her first career goal in the 86th minute of the match. The goal was set up by Cameron Mason, junior defender, which allowed Johnson to put NSU ahead 1-0, which turned out to be the final score.

The win against the Warhawks allowed the Lady Demons to stay a perfect 3-0 against Louisiana teams. Friday night's match did not have much scoring action but the Lady Demons made up for that on Sunday, in their match against the Lady Panthers.

NSU's first goal came off the foot of Rachel O'Steen, junior midfielder. O'Steen scored from about 15 yards out to put the Lady Demons ahead.

And ahead they stayed for the rest of the afternoon.

After NSU's first score of the game, a series of first time events began to happen. Jeannette Cornet, sophomore midfielder, picked up her first career goal in the 37th minute. On the play Yanci Johnson, freshmen midfielder, picked up her first career assist.

Haley Altenburg, freshmen forward, picked up her first goal of her



Photo by Gary Hardamon

NSU Demon midfielder Sarah Sadler heads the ball in one of NSU's three home games this past week.

career off a cross from Kayla King, junior forward, in the 63rd minute. Victoria "Pippi" Haase, redshirted freshmen midfielder, scored her first goal from straight on from about 20 yards out. Yanci Johnson picked up her second assist of the game on the goal by Haase.

Yanci Johnson's night did not stop here. She evaded the goalie and blasted the last goal of the match, with 13 seconds remaining.

Not that the Lady Demons needed

any help, NSU did get their third goal of the match when a ball hit the foot of a Lady Panther and went straight into the back of their own net.

The Lady Demons finished off Prairie View A&M 6-0.

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## Dynomite: One too many

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor



One week down for the NFL and that means one week down for Fantasy Football. Don't know what fantasy football is?

Stop right now! You should immediately cease all reading, run to a computer and become best friends with Google.

I currently have a fantasy football team and it is my first team in a few years. I never get invited to join any fantasy leagues and since I am the sports editor, I believed it was a must that I joined a league.

This year, David Royal, Current Sauce editor-in-chief, invited me to join his NSU Demons fantasy football league.

I greatly appreciate the invitation but, in my opinion, a league that has enough teams to almost rival the NFL is too many.

Royal's league consists of 18 teams. I know, that's half the number of teams in the NFL and about eight teams too many.

Now, before anyone gets the idea that I am complaining because

I have a losing record, let me get this straight. My record is 1-0. My team, State Property, beat Team Mitchell 333-303 thanks to Chad Ochocinco, whose performance gave me 101 points.

I luckily won that week but in the future, my luck might run out. The number of teams cut down on the amount of superstars you can have on a single team making the "fantasy" in fantasy football gone.

My next superstar is Tony Romo and everyone knows what happens to Romo late in the season. After that, I have nobody that is going to grab the amount of points needed to consistently win, but I digress.

The object of fantasy football is to allow fans to fantasize about a dream team. It is to make watching football more fun because you have to keep up with more than your favorite team or favorite player. It supposed to create competition. It is not to have people draft a team that could possibly happen in real life.

It is not supposed to have users draft seemingly unknown players as starters for their team because everyone else was off the board.

Next year, I hope to get another invitation from Royal. Between now and then, I hope he learns the old saying, "less is more."

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## Demons prevail over Tarleton State: Team snaps 13-game losing streak

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

“Who are we? Demons! Who are we? Demons! Who are we? Demons!”

Those words echoed through the locker room of the Demon football team after its 17-14 win over visiting Tarleton State, Saturday at Turpin Stadium.

The win put an end to a 666-day winning drought, dating back past last year's 0-11 season, to the last game of the 2008 season in which NSU beat rival Stephen F. Austin to retain Chief Caddo.

“Going winless last year was a very humbling experience, and falling 0-2 at the start doesn't do much for my confidence to tell you the truth,” Paul Harris, true-sophomore, said. “We came out here tonight with one goal in mind and that is winning this football game.”

The Demon football team got the ball rolling early in the game.

Demon receiver T. C. Henry ran a speed sweep to the right of the formation for 22 yards that set the tempo for the rest of the game.

Henry's number would be called again later in the drive.

Harris completed an eight-yard touchdown pass to Henry to cap off



Photo by Gary Hardamond

Coach Bradley Dale Peveto and his team celebrate their win over Tarleton State Saturday night. The Demons defeated the Texans 17-14, ending a 13-game losing streak that carried over from last season. The victory marked Peveto's first win as the Demons' head coach.

a 7-play, 88-yard drive to give the Demons a 7-0 lead.

Tarleton's first drive, ended in similar fashion. Texan quarterback Aaron Doyle capped off Tarleton's 12-play, 68-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown pass to Texan receiver Jeken Frye.

With 5:35 left in the first quar-

ter, the Demons had an opportunity to regain the lead, but the drive stalled after Harris barely overthrew to the open Demon receiver, Bradley Brown.

The ensuing Texan drive stalled as well thanks to the Purple Swarm Defense of the Demons.

“We had deep film sessions,”

Derek Rose, sophomore linebacker, said. “They had some big plays their first drive, but settled down and made some adjustments.”

NSU finished the first quarter just how they started; strategically picking apart the Texans' defense with a run-pass mix up, which led to a 1-yard touchdown run by junior

running back Sterling Endsley in the beginning minutes of the second quarter.

“Going into the game plan, we felt like we could get to the edge on them,” Endsley said. “We did a good job sealing them and that helped me get around to the corner.”

With the score being 14-7, NSU

added three more points after kicker John Shaughnessy nailed a 44-yard field goal to give the Demons a two-score lead.

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Photo by Gary Hardamond

State, city and NSU officials join President Randall Webb to commemorate the groundbreaking ceremony of the university's new Student Services Center. The estimated \$5.9 million building is expected to be finished in 2012.

## NSU breaks ground on new project

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

Many Louisiana, Natchitoches and NSU officials were in attendance for the groundbreaking ceremony for the university's new Student Services Center on Friday.

The three-story, 3,400 square foot center will house personnel, such as student recruitment, admissions, financial aid, registrar and one-card office.

“What we are trying to do with this building is create a one-stop shop for all student services,” NSU President Randall Webb said.

Currently, most of the university's personnel for new students is scattered in multiple buildings across campus. Webb said the new center will change that.

“This will be the most comprehensive location for student services that NSU has had in years,” Webb said.

The Student Services Center is part of an estimated \$9 million project that includes the renovation of East Caspari Hall, said Chuck Bourg, director of the Physical Plant. The projected budget for the center is \$5.9 million.

The university accepted the bid from Barron Contractor Incorporated, which is the same contractor

that was involved with the construction of the Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center in 2005, Webb said.

Webb explained that funding for the center and East Caspari Hall renovations was allocated to NSU by the state in 2008 as part of a specific capital outlay project.

“This project is all about the students,” he said. “We're grateful to be able to do something nice for them.”

Bourg said he expects the Student Services Center to be completed by the beginning of 2012.

The university will also begin to take bids for the East Caspari Hall renovations by the end of the fall semester.

## SGA Treasurer found not guilty

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association found Treasurer Shanice Major not guilty for malfeasance of office at her impeachment trial Monday night.

The Senate voted nine to one in favor of Major – a two-thirds vote was required for impeachment.

“I'm glad this whole thing is over with,” Major said.

At the trial, Senator Tiffany Thomas, who requested the impeachment hearing, presented a revised argument toward Major.

Thomas explained that her original argument that Major had not been fulfilling her duties as treasurer needed to be changed because within the past week, Major had begun working diligently. She added, however, that it still was not acceptable.

“It's not OK for a senator to not do their job and then go back to work after something like this happens,” Thomas said at the trial.

In response to Thomas's opening argument, Major admitted to not

performing at her optimum level and said she had changed.

“I apologize,” Major said. “I can assure you that, in the future, everything that is expected of me will be fulfilled.”

During the discussion, there was a mixed opinion toward whether Major should be impeached or given a second chance.

SGA Adviser Yonna Pasch was asked to speak on several topics surrounding Major's performance over the summer and the start of the semester.

Pasch confirmed that she had confronted Major about attending her required meetings and said that she initially did not respond positively to Pasch's warning.

She added, however, that Major's performance has drastically improved within the past week.

“Since last Monday, she has definitely stepped up her game,” Pasch said.

Pasch offered her advice to the Senate on what to possibly do.

“I can't perceive what Shanice can or cannot do in the future,” she

said. “I can only base my own personal decision off her prior work. And her past has overall been outshined by good, not bad.”

Ultimately, Thomas said she decided to vote Major as not guilty, despite her accusations of Major.

Thomas explained that she decided the SGA would remain stronger if Major stayed in office.

“It was a very trying decision,” Thomas said. “I know what she's capable of, and she deserves a second chance.”

SGA President Mark Daniels said he fully supports the Senate's decision.

“I look forward to seeing great things from Shanice for the rest of the semester,” Daniels said.



## Reminder:

Elections for Homecoming Court, Mr. and Miss NSU, SAB Representatives, SGA Senators and proposed fee referendum start today.

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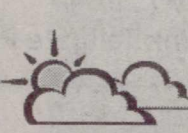
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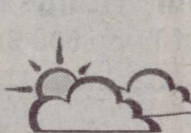
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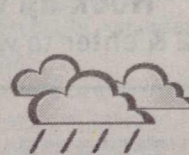
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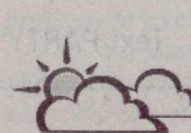
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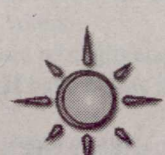






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Pictured above are the audience members for "Are You Smarter than a Freshman" in the newly renovated Alley.

## Students test knowledge in Alley

Jessica Weeks  
Sauce Reporter

The newly renovated Alley is back in action with the Student Activities Board hosting its first event.

On Sept. 15, the Freshman Factor committee of the Student Activities Board hosted "Are You Smarter Than A Freshman."

The Freshman Factor committee is a sub committee on SAB geared towards events planned for freshmen by freshmen. It's also a way for new students to get involved with SAB.

Austin McCann, Freshman Factor committee head, was in charge of the behind the scenes planning.

"Our event is a parody of the popular television show, 'Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader?' in which five freshman and a student of any collegiate level could compete

by answering questions that varied from United States history to algebra to NSU fun facts to physical science," McCann said.

There were five contestants competing, however, there were over forty people in the audience cheering them on.

Contestants were able to compete for the grand prize of a Nintendo Wii, but all students at the event were given the chance to be put in a drawing for smaller gifts ranging from a camera, NSU gear and board games.

Candace Bostic, a sophomore criminal justice major, was the winning recipient of the Nintendo Wii.

The host of the event was Solomon Matthews, a sophomore social work major. He described the event as a great way for students to come together and meet new people.

"SAB always offers great events throughout the year that can really allow students to become apart of

the campus community," Matthews said.

One of the contestants, Robin Jones, Scholars' College sophomore, described the event as a good way to relax and have fun.

"I can't wait for the next SAB event because I had a blast at this one," Jones said.

Freshman Factor will host more activities that the student body can participate in including a Madden 2011 tournament in University Place II lounge on October 13 and a costume carnival in early November.

All events planned by SAB are always free and open to any current NSU student. SAB prides itself in planning events that can be enjoyed by all.

McCann is proud of what his committee has accomplished and is ready for another.

"This isn't going to be the last event that you will see from this committee," McCann said.

## Phi Mu collects quick cash for charity

Juliette Gray  
Sauce Reporter

Lynda Hammett  
Copy Editor

The ladies of Phi Mu Fraternity raised \$723.53 for Children's Miracle Network this past week.

They set out in what they call "storm the dorm" to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, which is the fraternity's national philanthropy.

The chapter members split into groups going to each of the dorms and the fraternity meetings to ask students for any change they could spare.

Phi Mu member Jessica Weeks

said the event was not only a success, but also an eye opening experience.

"[The event is] always a rush, but it is a lot of fun," Weeks said.

"It's amazing to see how much students are willing to give for such a great cause."

In only 30 minutes, Phi Mu was able to raise over \$700 worth of donations.

Phi Mu Kappa Iota Chapter has raised money over the years for the Children's Miracle Network hospital in Alexandria, Christus St. Francis Cabrini Hospital.

Phi Mu's support for the Children's Miracle Network does not end with donations.

Two Phi Mu members, Kathy Akin and Katie Johnson, made a trip to Tennessee to spread a bit of love and joy to a ill, young Natchitoches

girl, Allison Callender.

Akin and Johnson brought with them a gift basket, including a "Phi Mu loves you" t-shirt, a stuffed lion and other gifts. All the items Callendar received were donated by chapter members.

Later in the semester, Phi Mu will host Vera Bradley Bingo, in which players compete to win handbags and tote bags by designer Vera Bradley.

The event will be held Oct. 12 at the First United Methodist Church, on Second Street, gym at 7 p.m.

On Nov. 11, Phi Mu will host Carnation Carnival where they will set up several festive booths.

All proceeds from both events will be given to Children's Miracle Network local hospital Christus St. Francis Cabrini.



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Pictured above are members of Phi Mu Fraternity who raised over \$700 in 30 minutes for the Children's Miracle Network. The organization split up into groups and went door-to-door asking for donations.

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## BS'in with the Bull: Winless no more

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



I'm not sure if you are aware, but the NSU Demons finally won a football game.

I'm going to repeat myself just so you don't think you read that wrong. The NSU Demons finally won a football game.

Now, I have heard a lot of people saying that this win isn't all that great because we beat a Division II football team.

I have heard all kinds of other things like, "we didn't win, we just didn't lose," "this win means nothing" and other things like that.

Well to be honest, it was me saying those things, that's why I heard them so much.

But I took all day Sunday to think about it and I realized that I was way off base.

This was a huge win.

This victory for NSU is one of the biggest wins in Demon history.

Now, I know you are thinking

I'm crazy, but let me explain.

This win was massive for a few reasons.

First, this win will give the team the confidence for the remaining schedule.

I don't care who you are if you constantly lose, and constantly lose close games, your team will fall apart faster than Britney and K-Feds marriage.

So a victory of any kind will stop that in its tracks.

This win is also huge in helping the players truly buy into what the coaches are teaching them.

Now, I'm aware that they pay attention to what the coaches are coaching, but until a victory is achieved you can't truly believe your coaches are doing it right.

Also, when you lose, and set records for losing, you don't know how to win.

Now that we have that elusive victory we now know we know how to win. It gives us confidence to go on further.

The most important thing that this win does is it gives the fans hope.

It gives us hope that things will turn around. It gives us hope that we won't have another disappointing

season.

It gives us hope to beat McNeese State, and possibly win conference.

This win makes everything easier. It makes it easier to go to the game.

It makes it easier for Adam Jonson to sell tickets. This makes it easier for Jason Horn and his staff to market the game.

It makes the Sports Information Department not dread going to the game. This win makes life easier.

Now, I do have to add that lets not get crazy and think that we are gonna run the table from here on out.

There are some things about the team that are a cause for concern. For instance, the Demons had 14 penalties 140 yards.

The offensive line seems to be a bit out of shape and the team seems a bit off. But no team looks perfect.

I don't want to take anything away from this team, because this win does the most important thing for NSU fans. It gives us hope and at the end of the day, hope is what you need to get you through.

So with that I end with, lets go to North Dakota and get ourselves a winning streak.

GO DEMONS!!!!!!

## Demons on the street

How do you feel about NSU winning its first football game?



Eric Brooks  
Junior biology major

"I'm happy we won, but at the same time my ecstasy is tempered because we barely beat a Division II football team at home."



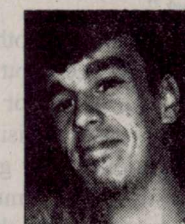
John Watson  
Senior CIS and business major

"I feel it was a very important win for the team, coaches, fans and the school - although I came to the game late because I felt they weren't going to win."



Stephanie Colunga  
Junior psychology and criminal justice major

"I think it's a win we needed, as a team, school and community. I feel that it has boosted everyone's morale, and it showed the Demons what it feels like to win again."



Matt Fowler  
Senior general studies major

"I think it is awesome for this young team to get a taste of winning. With the first and fourth ranked recruiting classes still underclassmen, the win may give them new life."



David Jordan  
Junior business major

"I say it's a very important win. This win will give them the boost of confidence and some momentum going as they get close to conference."



Carla Johnson  
Junior biology major

"This win was a much needed one. Everyone, including myself, had given up on the Demons, but this win proved me and a lot of other people wrong."

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-The Current Sauce staff

## NSU parking conundrum

Zach McLendon  
Sauce Columnist



Kyser's last parking space.

The beasts charged forward without mercy, but the Honda was no match for the Mazda's swift speed.

When the dust settled, one student had bragging rights, while the other was late for class.

This is just one example of the parking madness many commuters face daily.

Being a commuter myself, I find it very frustrating when I cannot find a single space available, especially when class is about to start.

It can be very worrisome at times.

We already have tests and a football team to worry about; we shouldn't have to worry about parking.

I figure there are two reasons for this parking chaos.

The first is that some residential students park in commuter parking lots, thus taking up spaces.

If you live on campus then why not walk to class?

Not only is it good exercise, but it will also ease commuters' woes.

The second reason the parking is so terrible is the simple fact that there aren't that many good parking lots.

There are thousands of students that currently go to NSU, and only about four convenient parking lots.

They usually fill up fast, and the students that don't secure one of these cherished spots are left to either roam aimlessly or park at Prather.

I'm sure we all know that the Prather trek is never pretty.

I experienced these same parking problems at the university I went to before NSU.

After months of dealing with an angry student body, the administration finally built a six-floor car garage.

It was a godsend.

Now I'm not saying we need to do anything that drastic, but we should try and find some kind of solution to fix NSU's parking conundrum.

There is one problem preventing this, however: budget cuts. That has left NSU battered and bruised, and the last thing on the administration's mind right now is parking.

So it seems we are destined to match wits with each other for a while longer.

To all my fellow commuters, have your blinkers ready and your driving skills sharp because things are going to get crazy.

I shall see you all on the battlefield.

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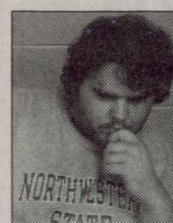
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## Half the Battle: Government pros

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist



ment level.

It's not taxes. It's not healthcare. It's not education. These are all symptoms of the disease that eats away at our nation.

Professional politicians are that disease.

First of all, what is a professional politician?

It can be a pretty wide definition, so let's work our way up. What do they do?

The professional politician spends 51 percent or more of their term seeking re-election, and 49 percent or less working on policy.

When the act of remaining in office consumes more of your time than doing what you ran to do, there's the first signal.

Now, sometimes, what they ran to do and the act of remaining in office coincide.

So, we need to add another sign of professional politicking. How accessible is your congressman?

Do you receive responses from them when you call or e-mail him or

her?

Do you only hear from your congressman when they want money or release a statement?

Let's improve our definition. A professional politician spends more time campaigning than working on policy and only speaks to their constituents through press releases and requests for money.

But, that's still not enough, is it?

How about the politician that only votes along party lines, no matter how the constituents feel?

How about the politician that does not say anything you can't find in the official party statement?

We can add the idea that the professional politician will follow the party rather than do the research and find out what the constituency wants.

A professional politician spends more time campaigning than working on policy and only speaks to their constituents through press releases and requests for money.

He or she will also follow party ideology rather than do the research needed to make an informed decision.

Is that enough to describe the professional politician?

We can continue to add ideas to this term, but the point is that we are suffering a plague of these politicians on both sides of the political aisle.

It's not about how conservative

or how liberal the politician is. If they are not doing their best to get in touch with us and find out what we want, they need to go.

And that is the beauty in this TEA party movement. It's not about Republican control, although that will be a result.

It's not about Conservative control, although that will also be the result.

The TEA party is an anti-incumbent, anti-establishment movement.

It is telling these professional politicians that they are not safe if they don't do what we sent them to do.

The establishment on both sides, there's the key term - both sides, should not be allowed to make choices without our input.

We should not re-elect anyone who doesn't listen to the people who hired him.

The people are slowly but surely making their votes count again.

What a glorious sight to behold. As a nation, we have shifted from listening to everyone to listening to a handful of people with money.

We have given them the power we once held as voters.

Through years of negligence on our part, you and I have no say in the matter.

I don't know about you, but that makes me feel sad. And a little angry.



# Freshmen twins stand out for NSU soccer

Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student

Having only three seniors on its roster this fall, the Demon soccer team's 14 freshmen have had the opportunity to make a significant impact on the games this season.

Two players in particular are true-freshman goalkeeper Jessica Danku and her twin sister defender Shannon Danku.

The Danku twins are natives of St. Catherine's ON, Canada where they were introduced to sports, mainly soccer, between the ages of 3 and 4 yrs old.

The city of St. Catherine's according to the Dankus is a really "built up" community with a much faster pace of life than the smaller city of Natchitoches.

They have been in love with sports since it became part of their lives so much so that they play some kind type of sport every day.

"We both caught on to sports really easily and we were equal [ability wise] at all sports," Shannon said.

Once they entered high school at St. Catherine's Collegiate and Vocational Institute, they were instantly successful excelling in a wide range of sports such as volleyball, basketball, and softball, which they played together and won numerous awards.

The awards that they both re-

ceived include MVPs in basketball, volleyball and softball respectively.

The twins have played together in every sport with only a few exceptions.

Shannon participated in golf where she was awarded MVP every year of high school she also played bad mitten neither of the sports were of interest to her sister.

While they preformed at a really high level in all the sports that they took part in, soccer was where their hearts were and they shined earning team MVPs all the way through their senior years respectively

"We got almost all the same awards we just got them different years" Jessica said with a grin.

When making their college choices, a non-factor was which sport they would play.

"It could have been basketball for me, but I get more of a thrill in Soccer," Shannon said.

Jessica agreed, adding, "Soccer is hands down without question my favorite sport."

They both looked at other colleges, but it was Coach Scott Mitchell who won their hearts for the demons when they came to visit.

They mentioned how gracious of a host he was and how much fun he made the experience for them.

Once they got to NSU, they were pleasantly surprised by just how involved the community is

in sports even to the point of total strangers walking up to them, calling them by name, and congratulating them on just how well they play in the last match.

They mentioned that Mitchell told them "You may not know them, but they will know you."

Shannon is a starting player for the Demons on defense and expresses the desire to continue improving as her career progresses.

Meanwhile, Jessica has grabbed a few headlines after Mitchell called on Danku to attempt a 45-yard free kick with eight seconds left in an overtime thriller against the University of Louisiana-Lafayette on Sept. 3.

She ran all the way from her position in goal and took an accurate shot which found the net as time ran out giving the Demons the win over ULL.

Danku added to her stats Friday in NSU's 3-0 win against Jackson State University by getting on the score sheet once again on another free kick - this time from 60 yards.

Shannon does not frown upon the attention her sister gets.

"When I score, she's excited for me," Jessica said.

Since these ladies are only freshmen, fans can look forward to seeing them on the field for seasons to come.



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Pictured above are freshmen soccer twins, Shannon and Jessica Danku

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## New student fee referendum passes: More than 1,000 students cast vote

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

In last week's election, 1,182 students cast their votes, which is some of the highest participation in NSU history, Mark Daniels, president of the Student Government Association, said.

Dean of Students Chris Maggio explained that the unusually high turnout for the election is credited to the content that was voted on and the fact that the election was offered solely online.

The most influential issue addressed in the election was the revised Student Self-Assessed Fee referendum, which passed with a simple majority.

Of the 1,182 completed ballots, 941 students voted in favor of the fee referendum and 260 voted against it.

"I think this is a big change for NSU," Maggio said. "These fees simply better the university and this change to the system brings us up to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, in terms of how are fees are being assessed."

The passed referendum amends the Student Self-Assessed Fee system to include all online courses and those based in Alexandria and Leesville as Natchitoches courses.

Students at the Shreveport campus will not be included because they have their own SGA and assess their own student fees.

Before the referendum, only face-to-face classes on the Natchitoches campus were included to assess student fees.

In the 2009 academic year, only 55 percent of NSU's enrollment paid

into the Student Self-Assessed Fees, which brought \$1,197,858 to the university, according to a fact sheet released by the SGA.

The student fees directly support 16 programs on campus: three art programs, four student media outlets, four SGA and Student Activities Board programs and five fitness-related programs.

Programming with the Friedman Student Union and WRAC are also included.

Since 2006, annual funding from student fees has dropped by over \$215,000, due to a shift in the number of students taking online or satellite campus courses increasing and the number of students taking classes on the Natchitoches campus decreasing.

The new system for assessing student fees is expected to increase the annual budget by an estimated \$280,000 and will give an additional 2,100 students access to campus resources.

Daniels and his cabinet were in favor of the fee referendum and worked to ensure students were aware of the issue.

He said he wanted the student body to be as informed as possible, so that they could make an educated decision.

Daniels explained that if this referendum would not have passed, then the SGA and university would have had to look at other options like raising the actual fees that students pay, rather than increasing the number of students who have to pay.

"Mark Daniels and his cabinet did a great job of ushering this

through," Maggio said.

Maggio added, however, that SGA and other NSU officials have been working on solving this issue for years.

"This hasn't happened overnight," he said. "SGA presidents for the past three years have played a hand in getting us where we are now."

Not all students agree with the terms of the new referendum.

"I definitely think this is not fair," Brett Harper, NSU student, said. "This is too taxing for students who don't even step foot on the campus."

Harper, who is a junior general studies major, has accumulated most of his collegiate hours through NSU's online program. This is his first year taking classes on the Natchitoches campus.

"NSU offers a great online program that is affordable," Harper said. "The change could really take a big hole out of the number of people who use [the online program.]"

Maggio said he understands why students who have not had to pay the student fees would see the change as unfair.

He added, however, that the change benefits NSU as a whole and that it resulted because of the students.

"Faculty didn't do this, staff didn't do this," Maggio said. "This was the students' decision."

Maggio explained that the next step is to ensure that online students and students on the Alexandria and Leesville campuses are now getting their money's worth.

"We don't expect to receive additional funding and keep things the same," he said. "We intend to use these funds and improve what we have."

Maggio said students not on the Natchitoches campus will have the same opportunities students on the home campus have.

"If students at Leesville or Alexandria want a copy of the student newspaper, we'll find a way to get them one," Maggio said. "If they want to run for SGA, they have that right."

### Other election results

In addition to the Student Self-Assessed Fee referendum, two other SGA issues passed with a three to one margin.

The student body approved the SGA's standing rules and granted three additional scholarships within the organization.

Students approved to allocate \$150 per semester for three committee commissioners – External Affairs, Student Affairs and Academic Affairs.

"The commissioners have to attend extra meetings and fulfill extra duties than the normal senator," Daniels said. "These scholarships are just a small compensation for all they do."

Students also elected six class senators, 11 men and 11 women for the Homecoming Court, two men and two women for Mr. and Miss NSU runoff, two SAB representatives-at-large and two students for SAB representatives-at-large runoff.

### Quick View:

### Fall Election Results

Bill #1- Fee Referendum Passed  
Bill #2- Standing Rules of SGA Passed  
Bill #3- Commissioner Scholarships Passed

Class Senators- Antonio Beaudion, Jacob Funderburk  
Emily Cogburn, Victor Kanardy, Demond Mayfield, Kiara Sampson

Men Honor Court- Yaser Elqutub (King), Kevin Blake,  
Patrick Brooks, Dakota Byrd, Mark Daniels, Vanner Erikson, Eric Howard,  
Jackson McNeal, Marcus Sanders, Diante Turner, Lewej Whitelow

Women Honor Court- Amy Dodson(Queen), Aly Breaux,  
Megan Cullen, Julie Fletcher,  
Chelsea Giles, Christina Lake,  
Shanice Major, Whitney Mixon,  
Catie Reeves, Madison Wakefield,  
Chelsea Zeno

Mr. NSU Run-Off - Yaser Elqutub, Ronnie Washington  
Miss NSU Run-Off - Amy Dodson, Whitney Mixon

SAB Representatives-at-Large- Ruth Fruge',  
Catie Reeves

SAB Run-Off Election - Jeff Brunner, Robin Jones

## Natchitoches Parish Update

Joe Cunningham

After a heated debate at their Sept. 27 meeting, the Blue Ribbon Charter Commission voted to add the council/president form of government to the Home Rule charter.

The Commission's task is to research and develop a system of parish government for Natchitoches that would replace what some call the "outdated" police jury form.

During their meeting, discussion from the commission and members of the audience went back and forth on the merits of the two options for the new form of government.

The first form, the council/president form, focuses on the idea of separating parish government into executive and legislative powers, creating a check and balance system for each.

This form of government received the most praise from the commission and the audience, who argued that executive powers would not be divided by 11 councilors.

The second form of government, the council/manager form of government, was likened to the police jury form in that the councilors would hold executive and legislative powers. However, most of the audience and commissioners felt this form would, as some commissioners mentioned, "maintain the status quo."

Police juror Chris Paige was one of the members of the audience.

During the debate, he requested the commission consider strict qualifications for parish president, saying that it wouldn't make sense for someone without a college education be given that much power and salary.

"Real Views" representative Randy Stelley asked the commission a series of questions concerning the size of the new parish government.

Alex Aichenger, professor of political science at NSU and Home Rule advisor for the commission, presented the commission with a skeleton charter that would be filled in as the commission moved forward with votes on issues to be addressed by the charter.

The next meeting of the commission will be on Oct. 11 in the police jury boardroom at 5:30 p.m. and will feature a guest from another parish that has a council/president form of government and the challenges that await the commission as they write the new charter.

-Courtesy Natchitoches Parish Journal

## NSU hosts career fair

Ty Johnson  
Staff Reporter

Students flooded the Friedman Student Union Ballroom to attend Career Day last Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Attendees were required to bring resumes and dress up in professional attire. The event offered potential career opportunities, part-time jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities for students.

Donna Smith, a representative from Farm Bureau, said she was looking for computer programmers, network and analysts.

"We're hoping to meet those students that can fit those requirements and would be interested in working with Farm Bureau," Smith explained.

Farm Bureau covers a six-state region, but its head quarter is in Baton Rouge, said Smith.

"We have job opportunities in several departments including accounting, claims, research and development," she said.

Kris Hickman, a representative of Crest Industries, participated in Career Day to recruit potential students skilled in industrial engineering technology and electrical engineering.

Crest Industries offers summer internships as well as part-time employment.

"We look for dedication and the ability to work as a team," Hickman said. "Most of the projects will be group projects."

Some of the benefits include paid holidays, health insurance and

company paid long-term disability services.

Hickman said that networking is not as important as having the skills and being able to demonstrate how much you want the job.

"The Career Fair is a great opportunity for me to put a name with a face," Hickman said.

Junior business major Dawson Daniels attended the Career Fair in hopes of landing career opportunities.

"I'm looking for summer positions and possibly full time positions," Daniels said. "I'm also looking to perfect some of the skills I have already and gain new ones."

Daniels looks forward to graduation in hopes of becoming a computer programmer with Farm Bureau.

### Reminder:

Run off elections for Mr. and Miss NSU and SAB Representatives-at-Large began today and will continue until 4 p.m. Thursday.

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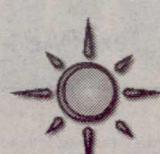
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Photo by Jeff Sholar/ The Current Sauce

Pictured above are the women of the College Panhellenic Council dressed up for their Sorori-Tea Academic Banquet.

## CPC enjoys Sunday afternoon tea

Jeff Sholar  
Sauce Reporter

College Panhellenic Council members spent their Sunday at the races.

The ladies showed up wearing their best sundresses and sporting hats for a Kentucky Derby-themed academic banquet on the river bank in downtown Natchitoches.

The ladies were treated to fruit, sandwiches and tea.

"It was a great idea and incentive to make good grades," said Maegan Morace, Sigma Sigma Sigma senior panhellenic delegate. "It was a good panhellenic event."

Morace added that the weather was perfect and only made the event a more enjoyable experience.

This event was planned by Kayla Ford, the Academic Success committee head.

The CPC wanted to have a ban-

quet to congratulate girls that have had a 3.0 or above GPA, Ford said.

There were 85 ladies honored from each of CPC's four sororities.

Ford said she wanted the banquet to be fun and something that all the ladies would enjoy. Together they thought of a "Sorori-tea," and from there, the derby went underway.

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Natalie Laurence was impressed with the amount of women being honored.

"We want to take a turn toward the academics," Laurence said.

Lisa Abney, provost of Academic and Student Affairs, was the honored guest and gave a speech to the ladies.

Abney talked about the importance of keeping up grades in Greek life.

She said she was impressed at how much time each sorority focused on school, but still had time to

form sisterly bonds.

Being true to the Kentucky Derby, there was a hat competition to see which lady wore it the best. There was also a drawing for a \$40 gift card to Wal-Mart.

CPC President Aly Breaux said she was pleased with the turnout for this event.

It was a good way to show support to those girls who strive to be good students, she said.

The CPC plans to make the academic banquet an annual event to celebrate hard work.

Even though not all the ladies being honored were able to attend, those who did enjoyed their time, Breaux said.

"It went really well and was a good time," Breaux said.

CPC focuses their members in both the academic and social fields.

With this event the council wants awareness for succeeding to grow.

## AAC 'slams' its way to success

Ty Johnson  
Staff Writer

The African American Caucus hosted its first Poetry Slam of the semester last Wednesday night.

The slam was held in the recently re-opened student hangout, the Alley, located on the first floor of the Student Union.

The AAC Poetry Slam kicked the night off with a Greek roll call where the host called the names of fraternities and sororities and the members present answered with their signature sounds and phrases.

The show featured over a dozen performances that included singing, rapping and spoken word poetry. Some of the poetry performed mentioned topics such as love, education and stereotypes.

Crystallyn Whitaker, junior education major, performed an untitled poem about acceptance and self-reflection.

"I don't like stereotypes, expectations and the so called requirements that come along with society because it ends up leaving people out," Whitaker said.

"I'm not here to entertain," Whitaker said. "I'm here to educate people in things they may have never thought about. I don't see it as a performance because I'm just telling what I feel."

Stereotypes were a repeating topic throughout the poetry slam.

Dominique Mclemore, sophomore graphic design major, performed a piece about stereotypes in Greek life.

Inspiration for the poem comes from his experience after he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. last spring.

His poem mentions the assumptions that people gain once students pledge.

"People befriend you because you're in a fraternity or sorority and people treat you the exact opposite and claim that you've changed," Mclemore said. "That's why I said, 'Has my paraphernalia become my skin?'"

Mclemore's piece also promoted unity in the Greek community on campus.

"I support unity between all Greeks," Mclemore said. "If we came together we could get so much accomplished."

He said he wanted the audience

to walk away promoting unity and to remember to be themselves at all times, even it means breaking the rules.

Johnathan Nichols, sophomore music education major, revved up the crowd with his unpracticed rendition of a popular song by R&B artist Chris Brown.

Before singing on stage, Nichols said, he thought about the meaning of the song and how he wanted to present it.

"It felt better than I imagined it," Nichols said. "I was more excited than nervous."

"It didn't go the way I'd planned," Nichols said. "I didn't expect the crowd to sing along with me. It was actually a help. It gave me more confidence."

The Poetry Slam drew over 150 attendees.

Marcus Sanders, senior electrical engineering major and AAC President, didn't expect a crowd of that size.

"I was pleased with the crowd and the effort from my members," Sanders said. "It was a good turnout. I only expected 30-40 people to attend."

The AAC will host a part two of their poetry slam next spring.

## Reminder:

**Wear orange to the Orange Out McNeese pep rally Friday at 10 p.m. in the student section of Turpin Stadium. The game starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday and is the official Organge Out game of the season. Orange Out shirts can be purchased in the Student Union, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Friday, and at the pep rally Friday night.**

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## Disrespectful NSU students

Zach McLendon  
Sauce Columnist



disrespectful students that plague some of our classrooms.

It never seems to fail, that when a professor reaches a crescendo in their lecture, what follows is a disharmonious undertone of soft chatter and snickering.

It's like clockwork. And if it isn't disrespectful chattering, then it's galloping fingers texting on a clacking cell phone.

People don't realize how much time and energy professors put into their lectures and lesson plans.

It's the same amount of effort that an actor puts into preparing for a part or a preacher puts into writing a sermon.

The classroom is a professor's stage.

It's the place where they perform for our benefit as students, so that we can become better educated for our futures.

You wouldn't be disrespectful during a play or church, so don't be disrespectful in the classroom.

It's not just the professors that suffer from these annoying crimes;

it's also other students.

We all pay good money to go to NSU, so that we can get a good education.

Trivial conversations aren't part of the package.

I can't tell you how many times I've been in the middle of listening to a professor, and some students behind me are just chatting away about nothing.

No one cares how many shots you took at the bar last night or how hot you think some celebrity is.

All we care about is what the professor has to say because it's the only thing that matters at that moment.

So spare us from your pointless dribble until after class.

That way, it's easier to get away from you.

I figure there are two cures that can eradicate this disrespectful plague, but they may be hard to swallow.

The first is if you're going to be disrespectful, then simply don't come to class.

You not being there is the same thing as you being there and not paying attention.

In fact it's better because it makes the classroom less disruptive, thus making it easier for the rest of us to concentrate.

The second cure is if you're absolutely determined to come to class, then take a seat, pay attention and enjoy the performance.

And above all else, just shut your mouth.

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## BS'in with the Bull: Are we this dumb?

Andy Ballard  
Opinions Editor



before congress to testify on behalf of migrant farm workers. In character nonetheless.

This is appalling to me because, last I checked, Colbert is neither an immigrant, farmer or worker.

Why has this country gotten to the point where we care more about what celebrities say, as opposed to those that actually know what they are talking about.

Why do we, as Americans, actually take stock in what celebrities say?

Do we not realize that these people are no different than us?

They don't have any inside information that we average joes don't get.

They have to Google everything they want to learn just like we do.

I use to believe that the rest of the world was jealous of the U.S. when you would hear the comments like, "Stupid Americans."

Now it's almost to the point where I may have to agree.

Like I have said before, we (Americans) take more stock in what actors and musicians say, as opposed to those that actually know.

Just take a look at any major political event that takes place.

Most of the interviews and most of the questions asked go to the famous people, and the people that have actual pertinent information are put on the back burner.

I remember watching the presidential election in 2008, and I saw more celebrities talking about the subject than I did the professionals.

And the thing that gets me is that not only do we care more about what these celebrities have to say on things like presidential elections, about the war and things like Katrina, but we have gotten to the point where celeb news is more important than regular news.

I worked for a TV station this summer, and the most important information was things like: Lindsey Lohan going to jail, Paris Hilton doing whatever she does and whether

Brad and Angelina are gonna adopt another kid from Africa.

That isn't news. In fact, it isn't even important.

I know it seems like I'm on a soapbox and that I don't have a point here, but here is the point, we are stupid Americans.

If you look at the numbers as far as education goes, we rank somewhere close to 30 among nations in math, science and reading.

As the greatest country in the world, these numbers should be much much better.

It's a problem for me to think we are doing the best we can when we are ranked as low as we are in education.

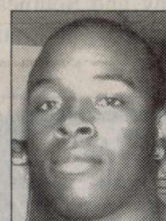
And on top of that, teachers make barely enough money to survive, but people make millions upon millions to play a game.

If this country will ever learn to pull its head out of its butt and put priority in the important things, then we will be on the right track to truly being the greatest country.

But as long as Stephen Colbert is being called before Congress about a subject he is no where closely related to, then we will constantly be belittled by everyone else in the world.

## Jump off the bandwagon

Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student



Any one who knows me can attest to the fact that I am a football enthusiast.

I love almost all aspects of the beautiful game.

There is one part of the game I could definitely do without, and that is "bandwagon" fans.

For those who don't know what a bandwagon fan is, it is a term used to describe those people who follow and/or root for a certain team not because of genuine love, but simply because of the recent success or perceived future success of the team.

Those on the bandwagon can be heard singing the praises of whichever team has the best win/loss record or the team with the biggest superstars on the roster.

While a team is performing terribly, these so-called fans will not claim that team.

You might even hear them talking trash about how crappy the team is or how much they suck.

But the moment it looks like the dark days are over and the team looks to be gaining wins, here comes the bandwagon fan forcing people to listen to just how great they think their team is and boasting about how long they have supported them.

They begin buying T-shirts and screaming "WHO....."

I'm just going to come right out and say it.

In my opinion, one of the biggest examples of a bandwagon fan might just be reading this at this very moment.

Yes, I'm talking about all the New Orleans Saints fans that just happen to declare their love for the team the moment they realized the Super Bowl was a possibility.

Here on campus, you couldn't go 10 minutes without hearing "WHO DAT" screamed proudly by people decked out in black and gold clothing.

A few months earlier before the season started, however, if anyone made mention that the often disap-

pointing Saints would even make the playoffs, they would be greeted with a "Who?"

As you already know, the Saints did eventually win and NSU went into a Saints obsessed frenzy.

Students (and some faculty) began painting cars black and gold, getting Fleur de lis tattooed on body parts, naming babies Shawn, Payton or Drew and just raving about how much they loved the Saints.

Even my own parents went out and got Saints gear, and my dad has made fun of the Saints and how bad they were my entire 23 years of life.

Now don't get me wrong, everyone wants to be apart of something that is associated with winning, and I can't blame people for wanting to support a team that does well.

And I'm also not just picking on Saints "fans" because it happens to every small team that all of a sudden strikes gold - the New England Patriots, Pittsburgh Steelers, Florida Gators or LSU Tigers.

Anyone can stay loyal to a winner, but a true fan stays with the loser hoping for a win.

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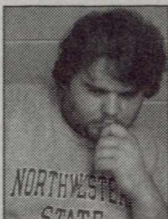
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## Half the Battle: I'm not a science major

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist



my heart:

Recently, I got two e-mails from your student messenger service, informing me of an upcoming event featuring the fine folks from Disney.

However, I didn't read the e-mail, because the title disturbed me.

"Walt Disney is coming to Northwestern State University" is a bit of a misleading subject line, wouldn't you think?

I'm no science major, but I am fairly certain that someone who has been dead for 44 years couldn't be coming to my beloved university.

And, while I may be no science major, I am a fan of zombie movies and the Resident Evil video game series, and you are only serving to freak me out.

If there is a kid-friendly zombie apocalypse coming to NSU, I am not

going to room 221 of the Student Union.

I will be going in the opposite direction.

If there is one thing that scares me more than Disney, it's zombies. Although, I would love to hear what Zombie Donald and Zombie Goofy sound like.

While I fully support Disney reaching out to give our students internship and job opportunities, and I honestly hope people attended this event, the message we were given wasn't clear.

And that seems to be a growing problem in our university.

We know that programs and teachers were cut from our school.

We're OK with that.

We're young and we are free to change our minds.

Sure, it may be inconvenient, but we can endure.

It's almost unbearable, though, to listen to rumors about what was going to be cut and ask the administration what the hell was going on. It was unbearable because they didn't give us anything.

The reason they didn't tell us anything, according to several people who were around last spring and

summer, was because they didn't want any rumors to flare up.

Do you know what happens when there is an absence of information?

Rumors, as a matter of fact, flare up.

I stand by and support my university in just about everything, but I cannot tolerate the absence of communication between authority and the common folks.

It's a problem on the political level, and it has become a job on the education level now.

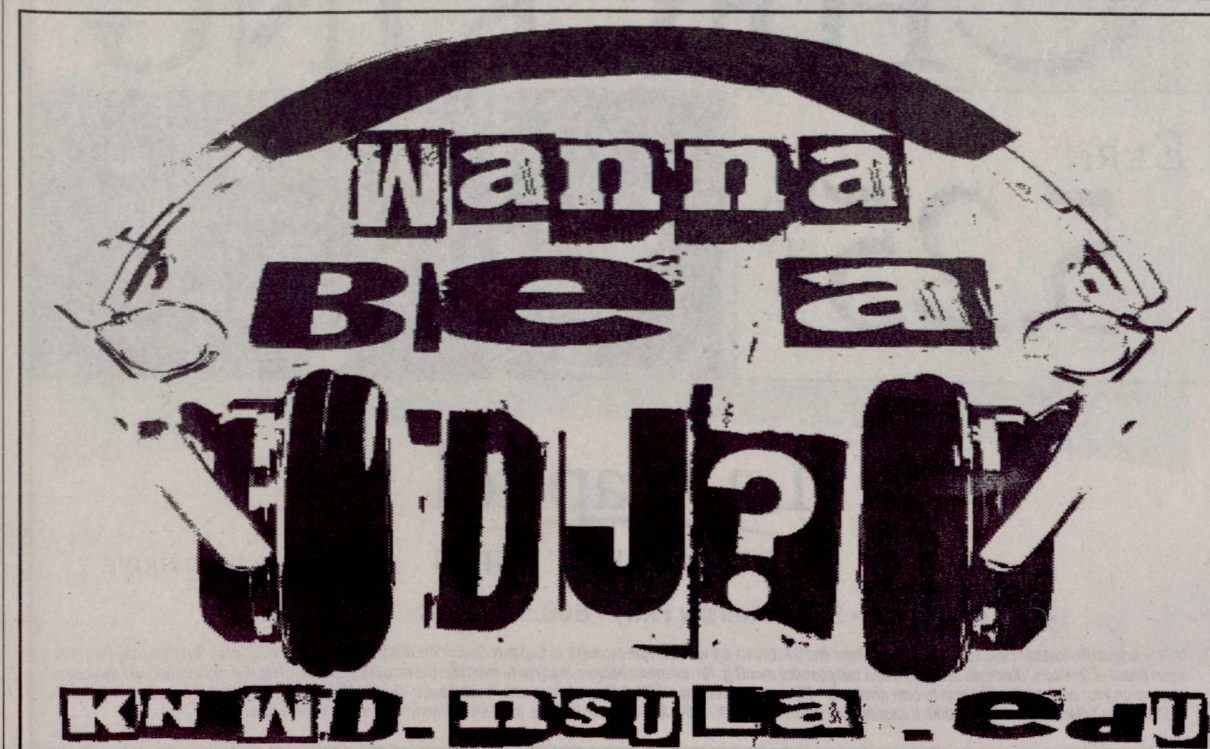
The Natchitoches parish school board is currently looking at a possible replacement of most of the incumbent members in this Saturday's election, because our education system is in the bottom of the state in a state that is in the bottom of the nation's education system.

We can't vote out the administration of the university, but we should not tolerate them not saying a word to us until after a drastic change.

The public forums telling the students it will all be OK is fine, but we should have been informed that we would need to be told it was going to be OK.

Come by our offices in 227 Kyser and apply to become a staff writer for The Current Sauce. Meetings start at 6 p.m. every Monday. We hope to hear from you.

-The Current Sauce staff





## NSU Volleyball splits home opener

Logan McConathy  
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Volleyball team began its quest for a Southland Conference crown this weekend in their first home action of the season.

The Demons, champions of the Arkansas State University Classic and the McNeese State Invitational, opened up their home season in Prather Coliseum against rival Stephen F. Austin.

The opening set looked like the Lady Jacks were going to breeze by NSU and run its winning streak over the Demons to 45 matches as NSU fell 12-25.

But a different team showed up for NSU in set number two and the Demons held multiple set points at 24-21. NSU was unable to dig out the win and fell 26-28.

NSU was able to bounce back after letting the second set slip away.

The Demons jumped out to a quick lead in set number three and never relinquished the lead and finished off SFA 25-20.

In the fourth set, the Lady Jacks started fast and a late push by the Demons came up short and NSU fell 22-25.

Much like the match on Thursday the Demon Volleyball team took on a conference foe in a four set match but the Demons came out victorious against Sam Houston Saturday afternoon.

NSU started out strong with a 25-18 victory in set number one.

The Bearkats responded by flipping the score on NSU in the second set and winning set number two, 18-25.

NSU, behind the leadership of first year co-head coaches Hugh and Stephanie Hernsman, responded in the third set.

The Demons rallied off seven consecutive points to regain the lead

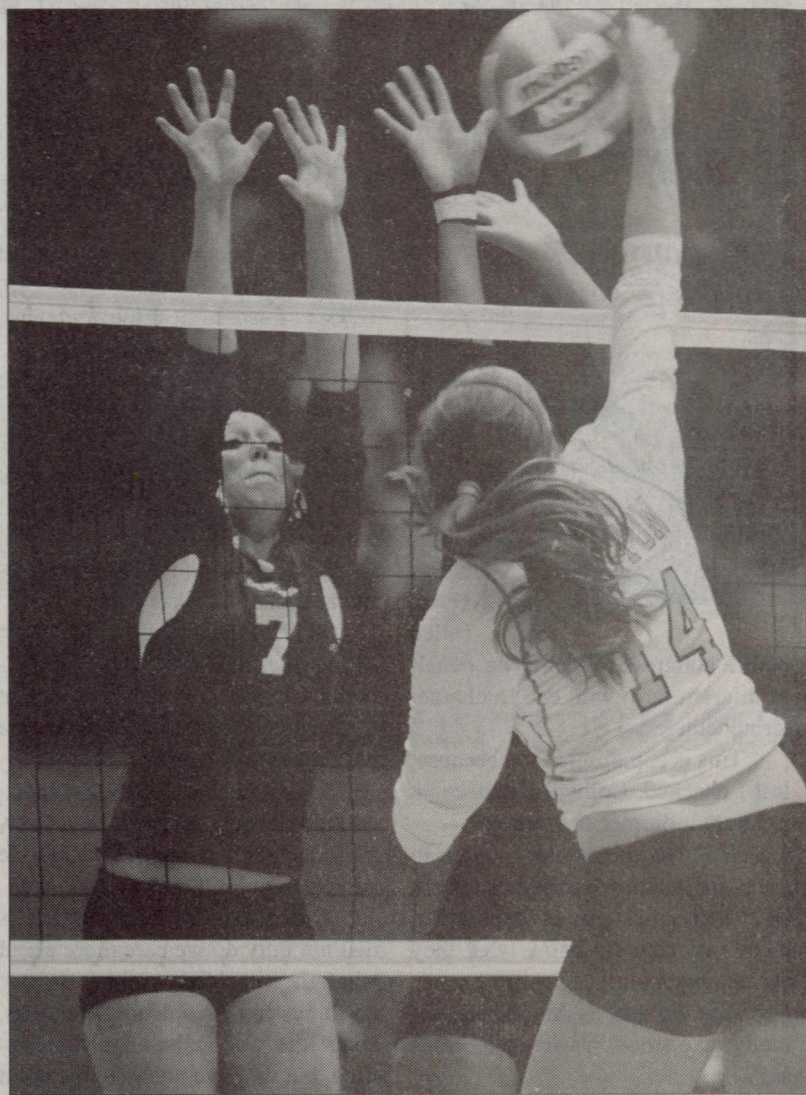


Photo by Gary Hardamon  
Senior Lauren Peltier attempts to block a spike. Peltier lead the Lady Demons with 38 assists in the game against Sam Houston.

and carried that momentum on to claim the victory 25-21 and give the Demons two sets to one advantage.

NSU finished off the Bearkats 25-22 in the last match.

Lauren Peltier, senior right side, and Kourtney Adams, senior outside hitter, were the shining stars of the match.

Peltier had 38 assists with 13 digs while Adams had a team-high 14 digs and 10 kills.

"Obviously, I'm really proud of the effort," Hugh Hernsman, head

coach, said. "For us to be able to do that to a quality opponent says a lot. I think we had a really good game plan and the girls did a great job of executing it."

The win marked the first conference victory for NSU in three tries and brought the Demons' overall record to 9-6.

The Demons will be back in action this week as they take on Nicholls State Thursday and Southeastern Louisiana Saturday in Prather Coliseum.

## Late scores overwhelm Demons

Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student

This past weekend, the Demon football team matched up against North Dakota.

Unlike last year's matchup, this game was televised on KSHV out of Shreveport. More importantly, the Demons were in a position that they hadn't been in for over a season: the team went into the matchup on the heels of their first win in 13 tries.

The Demons looked good early, taking the ball on what looked to be a very promising opening drive.

Sophomore quarterback Paul Harris led the Demons into scoring territory with a 15-play, 59-yard balance attack, but fizzled out at 11-yard line of UND.

John Shaughnessy, sophomore kicker, put NSU on the board by banging in a 28-yard field goal putting his team up 3-0.

UND quickly answered back with a 52-yard touchdown from Jake Landry, senior quarterback, to Greg Hardin, redshirt freshmen receiver, putting the Demons down four with eight minutes left on the game clock.

On the ensuing kick off, Bradley Brown, sophomore receiver, returned the ball 36-yards to the Demon 46-yard line, but a UND face mask penalty moved the Demons to their own 39-yardline where they began what turned out to be another scoring drive after a trick play went for a 40-yard score and put the Demons back on top 10-7 and in good

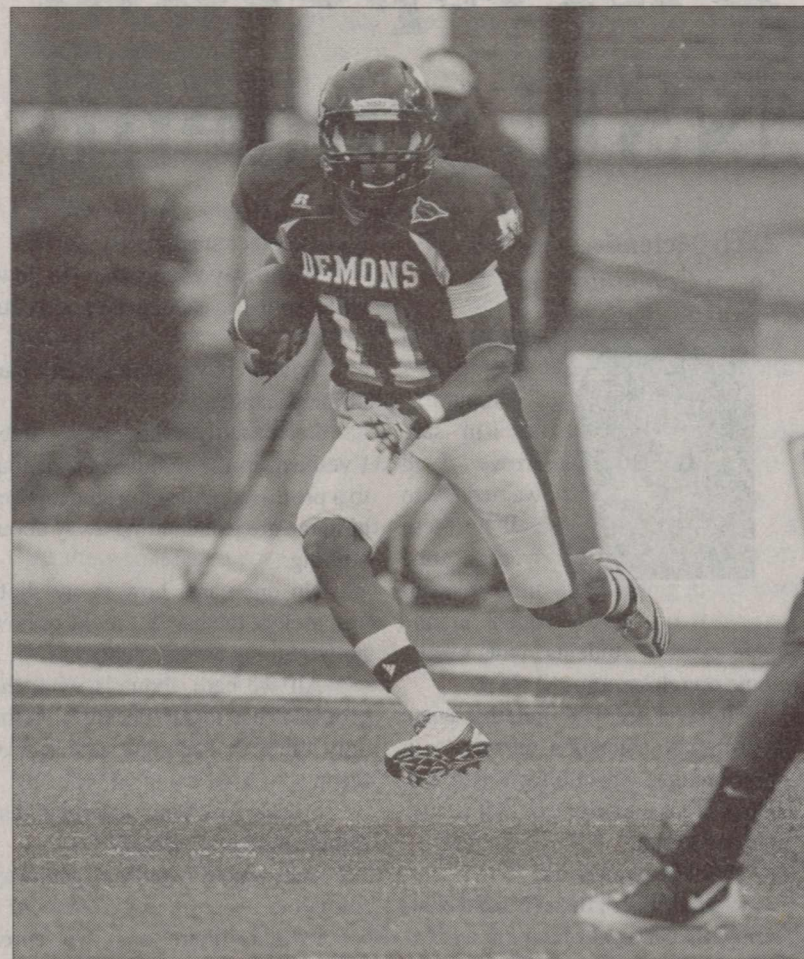


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Demon receiver T.C. Henry breaks into the open field after the catch. Henry lead the Demons with 100 yards receiving in the game.

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NSU's lead was short lived because North Dakota hit the Demon secondary with another bomb, this time from 76-yards out, giving North Dakota a lead that they would never turn over.

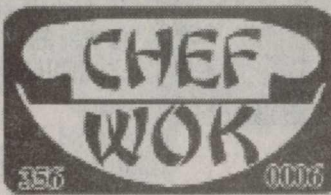
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## NSU signs five-year contract with OrgSync: Officials hope to simplify management of RSOs

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

NSU intends to simplify and expand student involvement in Recognized Student Organizations by coordinating with an online system called OrgSync.

On its website, [www.orgsync.com](http://www.orgsync.com), OrgSync describes itself as a community management system that centralizes campus involvement by streamlining communication and building a stronger student community.

Yonna Pasch, the director of Student Activities, had a simpler way of describing OrgSync.

"It's essentially a Facebook community for organizations on campus," Pasch said.

Pasch explained that the current method for staying in contact with the university's RSOs and managing each organization's paperwork simply involves the NSU officials manually operating the system.

She said this system is simply out-dated and too time consuming to handle over 100 RSOs.

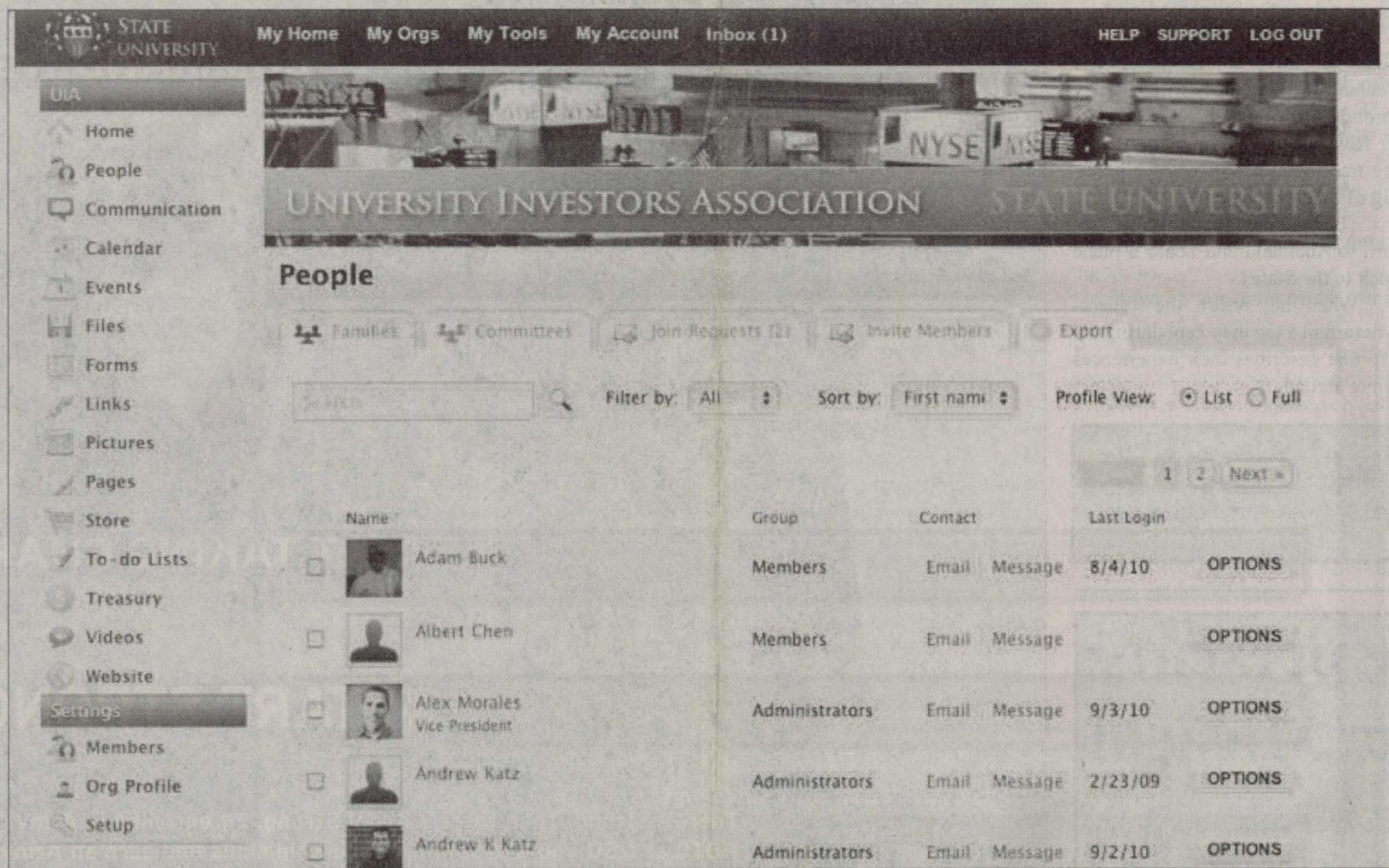
Pasch and other NSU officials researched new ways to manage its RSOs for almost three years.

Pasch said there were similar systems, but said they were not nearly as thorough as OrgSync.

OrgSync makes everything virtually paperless, Pasch said.

"This will hopefully create a paperless office and be a little more 'green' friendly," she said.

OrgSync, which is used by more than 150 other educational in-



Pictured above is a sample profile provided for students registered with OrgSync. NSU is working with this system to easily manage its Recognized Student Organizations and to help expand and build a stronger campus community.

stitutions, provides 50 tools that help simplify the management of organizations.

Some of these tools include the PayPal system for organizations to collect dues and a centralized calendar.

Kirk Lee, the assistant director of Student Activities, said he is in full support of the new system.

"I think it's going to offer a lot of flexibility," Lee said.

"It offers a lot to us and the students, but at the same time, keeps

things simple," Lee said.

Another feature offered is the co-curricular transcript. Pasch explained that registered students can list all of the organizations they are involved in on campus and all the awards or positions they have main-

tained.

OrgSync will keep track of everything students log into their profile during their time at NSU, and then students can print off the transcript at anytime to show as part of a resume.

Pasch said this feature can be extremely helpful when students get ready to apply for jobs or for graduate school.

In order for students to get the most out of OrgSync, Pasch said students will have to be involved.

"This has the potential to be great, but students still have to be proactive," Pasch said.

Additionally, the new system will help students not involved on campus find out what they need to about a particular organization more easily if they are interested.

"Students wanting to know more about an organization on campus can just click on the group's profile on OrgSync and find out all they need to know," Pasch said.

NSU accepted OrgSync's bid of about \$46,000 Sept. 23 and entered into a five-year contract, Pasch said.

Funding for the contract is from a grant provided through the university's Student Technology department.

Personnel from OrgSync are visiting NSU Nov. 2 and 3 to begin training the pilot group of organizations, which will consist of members of the Student Government Association, Student Activities Board, fraternities and sororities and Greek governing councils.

The pilot period will last for the remainder of the semester.

Then beginning in the spring semester, all students will have access to OrgSync with their NSU student ID and password, Pasch said.

## Natchitoches Parish Update

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist

With around 20% of its registered voters turning out for the Oct. 2 election, Natchitoches Parish has six new school board members, among other changes.

Five of eleven incumbents kept their seats on the parish school board. Harry Graham and Carroll Daniels were the only incumbents who did not have an opponent in the race, while Ralph Wilson, Joella Wilson and Cecil Walker won their races.

Ralph Wilson swept district 3 with 63 percent of the vote with the remaining 37 percent divided between his opponents, Charles Raymond and John Babers.

Joella Wilson fought a tight race with opponent Precious Barber, but eventually came away with 58 percent of the 232 votes cast in district 5.

Cecil Walker overwhelmed opponent Sherman Vogel with 71 percent of the district 7 vote.

In district 1, incumbent Julia Hildebrand fell to chal-

lenger George Rhymes, who got 67 percent of the vote in that district. In districts 4 and 6, there were no incumbents running.

Mike Hilton took 56 percent of the vote in district 4, beating Lincoln Hall while Tommy Melder swept district 6, getting 73 percent of the vote in a three-man race.

Carl Means, Sr. won against incumbent Pam McAlexander in district 8, gaining 71 percent of the vote. Russ Danzy beat out incumbent Craig Rachal in district 10 and Pat Jones won against incumbent Emile Metoyer in district 11.

In the Lt. Governor's race, Sammy Kershaw won Natchitoches parish, but did not make the November runoff.

Caroline Fayard and Jay Dardenne, who got second and third place respectively in Natchitoches, will be in the November 2 runoff election, along with the races for U.S. Representative John Fleming's seat and U.S. Senator David Vitter's seat.

-Courtesy Natchitoches Parish Journal

## Athletic Dept. seeks NCAA certification

Ty Johnson  
Staff Writer

Associate Director for Athletics Will Broussard recalls a great moment in the history of the NSU athletic department. The basketball team's win against Iowa University in the NCAA tournament in 2006.

"It generated a great deal of excitement and pride for people affiliated with this institution, not just faculty and staff and the students that were there at the time, but for the graduates and alumni that played here in the past," Broussard said.

"In order for us to continue to put out student athletes in a position to compete at the high level and generate that type of excitement, pride

and revenue, it's important that we remain at that Division I and prove that we're still deserving of that opportunity," Broussard said.

NSU started a year-long initiative to study its athletics department as part of the NCAA Division I athletic program last Tuesday.

The NCAA is a membership organization of colleges and universities that participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Its core purpose is to "govern competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner, and to integrate intercollegiate athletics into higher education so that the educational experience of the student-athlete is paramount" according to NCAA's official web site, [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

The athletics certification pro-

gram ensures integrity in the institution's athletic affairs.

NSU will benefit by spreading campus awareness and knowledge of the athletics department.

The NCAA re-certification directly affects student athletes.

"The self-study instrument has different components to it," Veronica Biscoe, director of University Planning, explained. "Several of the components are related to our students' welfare."

The certification makes sure students are not only making the grades, but that they are making progress in their degree programs, Biscoe said.

"If we're doing a good job, they're going to be able to benefit from it because that means we're

abiding by what NCAA rules say," Biscoe said. "We're making sure that they are students first and athletes second."

Biscoe along with other member affairs staff held a video conference orientation with the steering committee and subcommittees to start the certification process.

The sub-committees will then compile the certification self-study report over the next several months.

Director of Athletics Greg Burke said the certification is time-consuming, but it is worth it.

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## Creole Heritage Center receives emergency funding

Ty Johnson  
Staff Writer

The Cane River Creole National Historical Park recently awarded a grant of over \$70,000 to NSU's Louisiana Creole Heritage Center.

The grant is intended to help the CHC function efficiently during this time of increased budget cuts from the state.

As a result of the cuts, the CHC suffered staff cuts and the termina-

tion of several of the Center's special projects.

"Conservation of Creole heritage is very important to the National Park Service and this national park specifically," Laura Gates, superintendent of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park, said.

"The Creole Heritage Center's unique position in the Creole community has driven a grassroots effort to document and conserve Creole culture in the Cane River region and throughout the United States," she said.

CHC Director Janet Colson sent the proposal for emergency funding to give them much needed monetary support for the program.

The purpose of the CHC is to preserve historic documents and promote the Creole language, culture, rituals and traditions in Louisiana and across the nation.

The emergency funding will support efforts in posting resources online, so that students and others interested can still have access to the information collected over the last 10 years.

Colson and her staff are also reaching out to other academic institutions and museums about proposed partnerships and collaborations that could be mutually beneficial.

The Cane River Creole National Historical Park's goal is to preserve and increase understanding of the Creole culture of Cane River by coordinating research on the history of the region, which includes ethnographic and genealogical studies, Gates explained.

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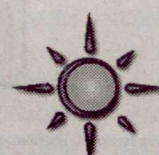
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## NSU class prepares for educational experience in Australia

Jocelyn Kyle  
Sauce Reporter

All students are invited to spend June 10th through the 25th in Australia and New Zealand this summer for four credit hours.

Students will begin the trip in Sydney, Australia with a tour of the Rocks, where the first European settlers landed.

The next day, the group will take a cruise of Sydney Harbor where they will have a spectacular view of the famous Sydney Opera House.

On the last day in Sydney the group will spend a full day exploring the Blue Mountains.

"Australia is pretty interesting," Lynn Woods, hospitality management and tourism professor, said. "If I had to compare Queensland, the area we are visiting, to a state in the U.S. it would be Hawaii."

After visiting Sydney, the students will travel up through Coff's

Harbor and Surfers Paradise on their way to Fraser Island.

While on Fraser Island, the group will take a full-day eco-tour of the island's inland rainforest and a boat ride to the Sunshine Coast.

From the Sunshine Coast, students will travel to Auckland, New Zealand, where they will journey through the countryside to Rotorua. In Rotorua, the group will receive the traditional Maori warrior greeting of touching noses.

The next day, the group will return to Auckland and board a plane back to the States.

When they return, the students will turn in a log they kept during the trip that describes their experiences while abroad.

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## Enjoy the years while they last

Zach McLendon  
Sauce Columnist



The Violet

Females gushed from the radio speakers, setting the tempo for our drunken laughter

and idle conversations.

"Good feeling... won't you stay with me... just a little longer."

We talked about places we dream to visit and women we wish would call as the sparks of the campfire drifted up to the heavens.

"It always seems like you're leaving... when I need you here... just a little longer."

And when the song was over, I realized in that moment I was truly happy, and no culprit could ever rob me of that. Ever.

We've all had these moments during our college experience.

Moments that have shaped us, moments that have carved us, moments that have torn us apart just to build us back up again.

It could be something as simple as getting an "A" on a test that was deemed impossible or packing up a car with a group of friends to venture towards an unknown destination.

It's these grand moments that

make 8 a.m. classes, cramming for finals and the rest of college's tribulations all seem worth it.

We are in the prime of our existence, my friends.

That sweet period of time before the reins of the real world are passed down to us.

Those few brief years when we can be reckless and ludicrous, and at the same time responsible and rational.

Never take these moments for granted, because when the real world strikes, it strikes without mercy.

There'll be no more missing a day because you were up too late or failure to complete an assignment because the due date falls on St. Patrick's Day.

But when the real world calls us for duty, we can go into it knowing that we made everlasting memories in college. That's something it can never take from us.

And whether you're working as an accountant in some fancy high-rise or you're performing in a hit play on Broadway, there will come a time when the work seems too much to bear.

When that time comes, just close your eyes, take a deep breath, and remember those moments. Those precious relics of time when anything was possible.

Remember those good feelings when you need them the most, because they're yours.

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## Half the Battle: Decency and deflection

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist



I'll admit it. I'm as guilty as the rest of us are with regards to decency and deflection.

A lot of the time, it is much easier

to call someone stupid than to acknowledge they have an argument.

It is easier to name call than debate based on facts.

We don't show decency and we deflect attention from our own flaws.

And, when we do that, we're actually highlighting our own flaws more than theirs.

Instead of showing decency, we deflect.

Part of this subject is inspired by the season... campaign season, to be specific.

Turn on your TV and watch Charlie Melancon and David Vitter tear each other down and try to build themselves up.

Melancon will tell you Vitter is immoral and hates women and vet-

erans.

Vitter will tell you Melancon is an Obama-loving Liberal. Then, they'll tell you about their voting record.

Well, Messrs.

Vitter and Melancon, why couldn't you just tell us what you voted for and let us draw our own conclusions about your opponent?

We don't need you to tell us what to think.

That's the problem with the government as it is now.

We get told you'll do the thinking for us.

Why do you think incumbents are in so much trouble as it is?

Jay Dardenne, the Louisiana secretary of state who is running for Lt. governor, is now focusing on calling his opponent, Caroline Fayard, an Obama Liberal, when we really know nothing about her.

What does Fayard say about her opponent?

She will reply... wait. She said nothing about Dardenne.

At a rally on the Natchitoches riverbank Monday night, she said it's not about a "D" or an "R" after your name.

It's about how much you love Louisiana. This is someone who gets it!

John Fleming is a U.S. congressman running against challenger David Melville.

Neither of these two has put out attack ads, but they focus on themselves and what they have done.

This is how politics should be.

We can extend this past politics. Monday was National Coming Out Day.

Despite the fact that we are a free country with some of the best rights available to the public, we still have people who are persecuted and denied life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

And we can point fingers and call one side sinners and sodomites or the other extremists and bigots.

But where is the decency in that?

It's only a deflection of our own, personal flaws when we call the other side "evil."

Show some decency.

Stop deflecting.

Use a rational argument instead of name-calling.

That's all I ask.

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## BS'in with the Bull: Need costume idea?

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



It's mid October, so that means retail stores across the country are preparing for the upcoming holiday

that is all about angels, devils and magic: Christmas.

Businesses seem increasingly eager to litter their shelves with tree skirts, fake snow and wrapping paper to appeal to the senses of money-toting grandmothers across the country.

The Christmas persuasion has already hit 47 of the 48 continental United States, Idaho still thinks it's May.

Before these stores completely gear up for Christmas, though, be sure to get your Halloween costume finished.

As with any dress-up event, choosing a Halloween costume is a crucial decision that you may change almost as many times as your major.

After all, every Halloween costume fits into one of three categories: funny, sexy or let's-not-talk-to-that-guy-tonight.

You don't want to be caught in something you think is funny, but everyone else thinks is overdone.

For instance, Chuck Norris and David Hasselhoff are still sometimes

funny on paper, but they've been punch lines for so long that someone equally as obscure, but less remembered could easily top them.

My suggestion?  
Dale Earnhardt.

He's got it all. And if you're not convinced that he's popular enough to be funny, take this journalistic-sound statistic to heart: A search on eBay.com for "Dale Earnhardt" turned up 11,047 items while a search for "Jesus" only gathered 8,851 results.

According to these numbers, Earnhardt is more marketable than Jesus himself.

Plus, it would be a relatively cost-efficient costume.

All you need to go as Earnhardt is a fake mustache, aviators and a car that only turns left, except for that last lap at Daytona.

If you want to be different, go as a confused holiday mascot. Be a rabid Easter bunny - but don't use it as an excuse to wear Playboy bunny ears and try to be sexy.

Your rabid Easter bunny outfit should resemble the Energizer Bunny, giant bunny head and all.

By this measure, basically anything with a humongous, oversized head is funny.

Masks simply will not cut it this year.

Go for the gold with the holiday icon idea. Be a gay Santa Claus, or if you're Jewish, find eight friends and go as candles.

Couples: Forget the staple "Ro-

meo and Juliet" or "Zack Morris and Kelly Kapowski" romantic getups - go as each other. Girls, wax your boyfriend's armpits and glue the hair-covered strip to your underarms.

Don't let the torture stop there, though. Pluck his eyebrows. Shave his legs. Hell, pass a watermelon through his ... well, you get the picture.

And for same-sex couples, go as an opposite-sex same-sex couple.

The biggest problem with coming up with a Halloween costume is that you never want to take someone else's suggestion - you always want to come up with your idea yourself.

This next sentence is for all of you. Ghost buster, witch, Aladdin and Jasmine, Burger King king, Waldo, ghost, ninja turtle, any Star Wars character, any cartoon, sexy bunny, sexy nurse, sexy plant, nun, whore, whore disguised as a nun, robot, your friend Steve, pope, sexy pope, fat pope, fat pope who thinks she's sexy pope, Harry Potter, vampire, frozen pizza, Spanish-to-English dictionary and, of course, Steve Irwin are all viable options.

You've got three weeks to figure something out. There are plenty of cheap costumes you can make to score a laugh, or maybe just score if that's your motivation.

As for me, I don't have any money to spend on a costume this year.

I spent it all on a Christmas tree yesterday.

The Current Sauce is a huge advocate for voting, and with election day on Nov. 2, we want to encourage you to register to vote.  
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# Demons fork national ranked Bears

Jimmie Waker  
Sports Editor

The Demon football team fought through its rocky start to earn a come-from-behind win against the nationally ranked University of Central Arkansas Bears, Saturday night in Conway, Ark.

NSU beat 22nd-ranked UCA 24-19 to improve its conference record to 1-1, and its overall record to 2-4. UCA remains winless in the Southland Conference with a record of 0-1, but above .500 with an overall record of 3-2.

"We finally played together for 60 minutes and that's how we won this game," Bradley Dale Peveto, Demon second-year coach, said. "This should give us a whole lot of confidence, because it was a fight to the bitter end and we beat a very fine, ranked football team on their home field."

LSU transfer, Chris Garrett was the starting snap taker for the Demons.

NSU went down 10-0 early in the game.

UCA kicker Eddie Carmona put the first points on the board with a 31-yard field goal that came early in the second quarter.

UCA's next time on offense ended in more points. Bear's quarterback Nathan Dick capped off a three-play, 46-yard drive with a five-

yard pass to Dominique Croom.

After a scoreless first quarter and midway through the second, true-sophomore quarterback Paul Harris entered the game.

Harris led the Demons on a 13-play, 59-yard drive that ended with a 29-yard field goal by NSU kicker Jon Shaughnessey.

The entire Demon team received a spark from Harris' performance. On the ensuing kickoff, NSU's special team forced a fumble and handed the ball back to the Demon offense on the Bear's 34 yard-line.

Harris would shine yet again. After an incomplete pass on first down, the shifty-footed Harris scored a 34-yard touchdown run on a draw that tied the game at 10-all.

"It starts with the offensive line," Harris said. "We dominated the trenches and on that play, Destry sealed and I followed."

The resilient Bears remained composed. With 31 seconds remaining in the first half, Carmona nailed a 25-yarder to bring the score to 13-10.

The Demons were the first to score coming from the break. Rumeall Morris, true-freshman running back, jetted past all UCA defenders on a 58-yard touchdown run that put the Demons ahead 17-13 with 5:18 left in the third quarter.

Morris ran for 122 yards on 15

carries with one touchdown.

The Bears were not able to produce anything on its next possession as the Purple Swarm Defense forced a three-and-out.

With the ball back in the hands of the NSU offense, Harris and company added to the team's lead.

Harris completed a three-yard touchdown pass to Demon receiver Bradley Brown.

The Demons covered 92 yards in 13 plays to go up 24-13 with 12:11 left in the game.

Down two scores, UCA clawed back into the game. The Bears struck back with an 11-play, 71-yard drive to bring the score to 24-19.

UCA's defense forced a three-and-out that gave its offense a chance to win the game.

A couple of successful plays on landed the Bears on the Demon's 34-yard line with 4:25 remaining.

With UCA threatening, the Purple Swarm Defense answered the call and stopped the Bears four consecutive plays.

"This win was exactly what we needed," Harris said. "We have a bye-week coming up but when we come back, we will be ready to go against Texas State."

The Demons visit the Bobcats Oct. 23.

NSU returns home the following week for a homecoming football game against Sam Houston State.



Bradley Brown runs in open space. Brown was on the receiving end of a three-yard touchdown pass from Paul Harris

## Southland Conference Standings

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## SGA pushes students to be active voters

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

Student governments across Louisiana are making a push on their campuses to increase voter registration and awareness for issues as the state's budget cuts on higher education.

NSU Student Government Association President Mark Daniels is coordinating with fellow student government presidents to ensure students are informed of the cuts their universities are experiencing and that the students know they can actually make a difference.

"The approval of the state's budget comes from the governor, but our representatives actually come up with the budget," Daniels said. "That's where our students come in. The more concentrated support we can get from students, the more influential we can be."

To get an idea of how many NSU students are actually registered to vote, the SGA polled students

during the homecoming online elections.

Of the 404 students who responded, 294 students said they are registered to vote, 75 said they were not and 35 said they did not wish to respond.

SGA Adviser Yonna Pasch said she was pleased with the results.

"It's good to know that the vast majority of those that responded are actually registered," Pasch said. "It's definitely a positive sign."

Daniels agreed with Pasch. "I was optimistic after seeing the numbers," Daniels said. "Now we're concerned with seeing who and what they're voting for."

Daniels said the next step is to increase the number of registered voters on campus. The SGA plans to do this by having a voter registration drive this semester.

Additionally, students are invited to come by the SGA office to pick up voter registration forms.

This Friday, Daniels is traveling to Alexandria to meet with the Council of Student Body Presidents

to discuss ways to centralize votes.

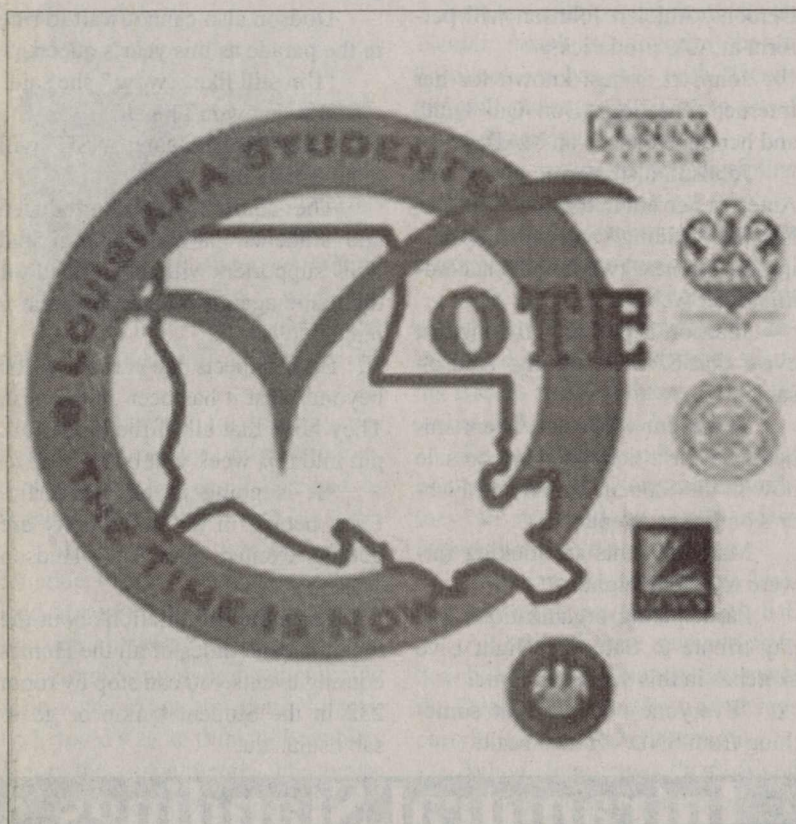
Daniels, who is also the vice president of the University of Louisiana System division of the council, is spearheading a series of rally marches at the state capital with the council, which consists of over 40 presidents.

"We're having students come together from Natchitoches, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and all over the state," he said. "This is a strong block of voters that officials are making mad, and we want to show them we shouldn't be ignored."

The council does not have any particular officials in mind to encourage supporting at this time, but Daniels said the council may begin making suggestions in the future.

At this time, Daniels said the SGA wants state representatives to realize students are not happy.

"I definitely don't think our local representatives want Northwestern to suffer or close down, but change needs to happen," Daniels said.



Contributed by the Council of Student Body Presidents  
Pictured above is the logo for the Council of Student Body Presidents' campaign to boost Louisiana student voter awareness and activeness.

## Disability Center moves to central location

Chasity Taylor  
Practicum Student

The Office of Disability Support made its move to the Friedman Student Union to centralize the services provided to students this summer.

Director of the Office of Disability Support Catherine Fauchaux said she believes the office's move to the Student Union was necessary because it allows for a service that is much more accessible to the students.

She said the Student Union is the center of where all the bulk of student services is located and central location that students already spend time in.

The Office of Disability Support is a service provided to students that have disabilities as well as any other NSU student.

The office is located across from the computer lab and also has two outposts located in Watson Library and in the Health and Human Performance Building.

Fauchaux said the main purpose of the program is to "academically assist students with disabilities and to provide them with equal access to an education."

Fauchaux explained that the services provided two separate components.

The office provides services to students with disabilities and tutoring for 108 courses.

The services provided to those students with disabilities are anything needed that will make their learning experience easier for them.

The help offered ranges from proctoring tests, translating work to braille and many other services.

The tutoring services provide help through going back over the class work or having group study sessions that are available now for the sciences.

The sciences that are available for group study are Chemistry 1030, Chemistry 3010, Chemistry 1040, Chemistry 1070 and Biology 1010.

There are 14 tutors that specialize in working with students in any core class that is needed to graduate from NSU.

Tutoring is part of NSU's work study program, so the tutors had to apply for the positions, be interviewed, provide a letter of recommendation from one of their professors and overall have the appropriate GPA to be able to tutor.

Senior education major Anetria Roberson said she has received a great deal of help from the Office of Disability Support while at NSU.

"Overall, I believe the Office of Disability Support is a good way for students to get further help in subjects they may not understand," Roberson said.

The hours of operation for the Student Union location are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Watson Library's office's hours of operation are Sunday-Thursday from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. and the Health and Human Performance Building hours are Monday-Thursday from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

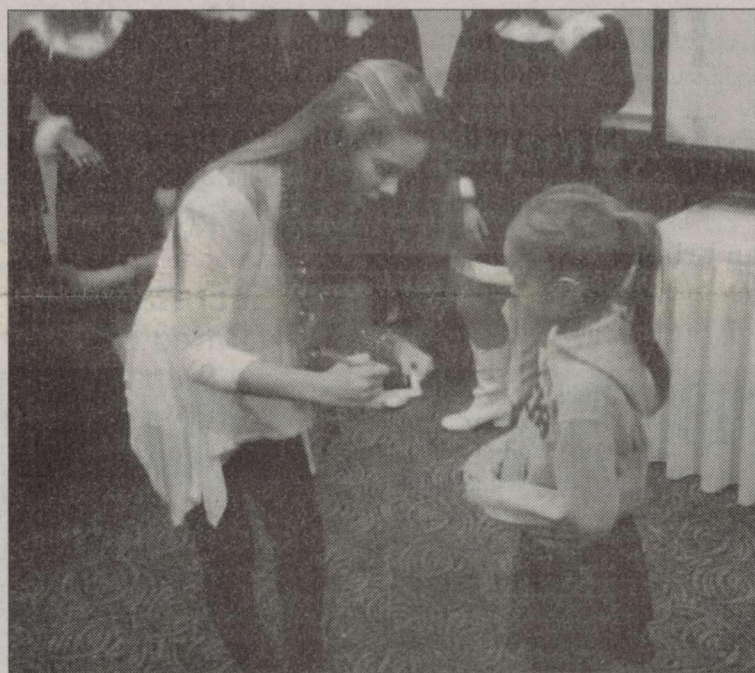


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The City of Natchitoches named Alexandria-born rising Disney star Anna Margaret as the Christmas Festival parade's grand marshal for this year. In a press event at the Natchitoches Event Center, Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Tony Davis presented the young star before a media-filled room. In attendance were several members of the community, as well as the Natchitoches Christmas Belles.

Pictured above, Anna Margaret (left) takes the time to sign an autograph for one of the young fans at the event.

## ROTC places fourth at competition

Ty Johnson  
Staff Reporter

The NSU Army ROTC battalion placed fourth in its tier this past weekend at the regional Ranger Challenge Competition, improving four places from last year.

The Ranger Challenge is a two-day long competition between different ROTC programs across the Southern region that test cadets' physical and mental capabilities.

NSU competed against 45 teams from both large and small schools, including Florida State University and the University of Alabama.

NSU's team competed in a tier of 11 schools, which included Tulane University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Trophies were awarded to winners of 11 events, such as the grenade assault course, the ruck march and the malevesti course.

"I'm real proud of their performance," said Lt. Col. Kevin McAllister, the Demon Battalion's professor of Military Science. "Not only did we have a real shot of bringing

home a trophy, we were only a few points of ranking in the top three in our tier."

McAllister said he was pleased that his team was able to make such a large improvement from last year's competition.

"We weren't there to just have fun, like previous years," he said. "We were there to compete."

NSU's team excelled the most in the grenade assault challenge.

The grenade assault course required cadets to launch live grenades at stationary targets, while being timed. The team placed first in its tier in that challenge.

The ruck march was a timed event that required cadets to travel six miles with a 35-pound backpack.

The malevesti challenge took cadets through a series of obstacles such as climbing a rope and ladder, navigating through monkey bars without falling and crawling under barbed wire through muddy water.

Cadets Terrell Murdock, Walter Floyd, Jimmie Watson, Jody Bernard, Robert Wallace, Kimberly Crosby, Kip Cochran, Brett Harper,

Michael Marks, Fulton Johnson and Lovell Willis comprised this year's Ranger Challenge team.

Although he said it was difficult, Cadet Jimmie Watson said he did not mind the challenge.

"I love competing and the camaraderie that I feel when I'm competing with my peers," said Watson.

The team started training for the challenge at the start of the semester.

They trained five days a week to build stamina and cardio in preparation for the amount of physical exertion required for the challenges.

The events challenged the cadets' abilities to perform under pressure.

Some of the challenges included carrying five-gallon water cans 300 meters, followed by reciting the Army ROTC Cadet Creed without error and then returning to the starting point.

For the rest of this story, check out [www.thecurrentsauce.com](http://www.thecurrentsauce.com)



Contributed by NSU ROTC  
The NSU Demon Battalion competes in the Zodiac raft race at this year's regional Ranger Challenge Competition in Ft. Benning, Ga. NSU's team placed fourth in its tier of 11 schools.

## Reminder:

Join NSU Writing Project and the Department of Language & Communication as we host a Celebration of National Day on Writing.

Wednesday, Oct. 20th

6:30-8:00 p.m.

in the Watson Library

Thomas-D'Amato Reading Room

Students and faculty will be reading NSU 24/7 entries under consideration for inclusion in the forthcoming anthology.

Light refreshments will be served.

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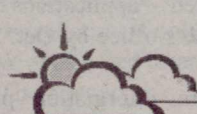
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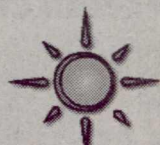
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## Homecoming anticipation grows

Jeff Sholar  
Sauce Reporter

**L**ive from NSU... it's Homecoming Week 2010! It's a trip to New York as students prepare for the upcoming week filled with activities.

The Student Activities Board was happy with their choice of theme for this year. The theme was chosen over a board workshop during the summer.

"SNL is broad that any person can relate too," Tiffany Hudson, SAB vice president, said.

The goal of the week is to get as many students to come and participate. That's why all events tie into together Hudson said.

The board has been hard at work for the past few months and members are ready for the week to come.

But they are not the only one wishing for the week to get here sooner.

Amy Dodson, who was voted this year's Homecoming Queen, is excited for the upcoming week.

"I'm looking forward to the

whole week," Dodson said.

On Tuesday, students will have their chance to showcase their talents with an open mic night.

Wednesday in the Student Union Circle, a block party will be held. Featuring music, fun and of course food.

Thursday is a huge day for the Demons. Anjelah Johnson will perform at A.A. Fredericks.

Johnson is best known for her Internet sensation "Bon Qui Quit" and her appearances on MADtv.

Johnson also starred along side America Ferrera in the comedy "Our Family Wedding" and will be touring for the next two months according to her web site.

Johnson is probably the biggest event that SAB is hosting, Hudson said.

The event will cost current students \$5 for a ticket and are on sale now in the Student Union and Fisher's on Kyser Avenue.

Many students are looking forward to Friday night.

Participating organizations will pay tribute to Saturday Night Live sketches in this year's Lip Sync.

"Everyone's laughed at something from SNL," Hudson said.

It's just exciting to get to watch everybody and see what they do Friday, Dodson said.

Saturday will be a busy day for NSU. Many events will take place the day of the game.

The Homecoming Parade will start at 2:30 p.m. followed by a tailgate.

Dodson also cannot wait to ride in the parade as this year's queen.

"I'm still like...wow," she said.

But that won't be all.

After the tailgate, NSU will have a pep rally.

The court will be introduced and students, parents, alumni and NSU supporters will get pumped for the game against Sam Houston at 6 p.m.

SAB expects the turnout to be beyond what it has been in the past. They hope that all of the hard work put into this week will be rewarded.

"It is going to be wonderful. Even people in the community are getting excited about it," Hudson said.

For more information about the locations and times of all the Homecoming events you can stop by room 232 in the Student Union or go to [sab.nsula.edu](http://sab.nsula.edu).

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Wednesday, Oct. 27 - "Homecoming Block Party!"  
1:45 p.m. in Student Union Circle  
3 p.m. Homecoming Fair Run in Student Union Circle  
Thursday, Oct. 28 - "Live From NSU... It's Anjelah Johnson!"  
7:00 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks  
\$3 for students, \$15 for nonstudents  
Tickets on sale in Student Union Box 100  
Friday, Oct. 29 - "Saturday Night Live" Lip Sync!  
7:00 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks  
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Saturday, Oct. 30 - "Live From NSU... It's Saturday Night Live!"  
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## RSO spotlight: Purple Jackets

Yan Erikson  
Life Editor

"Being initiated as a Purple Jacket is considered to be one of the highest honors capable of being bestowed upon an NSU lady," Roneeka Hill, President of Purple Jacket Honor Society, said.

Purple Jacket Honor Society is the oldest recognized student organization on campus, founded in 1926.

The ladies have the distinct honor of being the official hostesses of Northwestern State University.

The honor society participates in community service activities, as ushers at both Fall and Spring Commencement ceremonies, working the President's Graduation Reception and tending to President Webb's guests, in the President's Box, at each home football game.

The requirements to be eligible for membership into Purple Jackets Honor Society include: a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, involvement in at least two organizations and being a junior or senior female.

Frances Conine, Executive Director of Student Services and Advisor to Purple Jacket, feels the ladies involved in Purple Jacket Honor Society are some of the most outstanding students on campus.

"The ladies are the best of the best on campus because of our requirements," Conine said. "Not only do they have great academic quality, but leadership quality as well."

Purple Jacket Honor Society is a group that is unique to NSU.

"The vast majority of our alumni are leading successful careers and still participate in some activities and support the organization," Hill said.

Fall recruitment for Purple Jacket Honor Society is on Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. in the President's Room in the Student Union.

It is a meet and greet style interview, and if the ladies are selected they will be initiated on Nov. 15.

Applications went out via student messenger or can be picked up in Francis Conine's office, room 309 of the Student Union.

Completed applications are due to Conine's office by Oct. 27 at noon.

For more information please contact Roneeka Hill, Purple Jacket Honor Society President.

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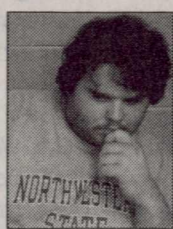
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## Half the Battle: To arms

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist



the overall "global war on terror" the U.S. declared nine years ago.

There are two sides to the argument of what to do now: pack up and go home or keep fighting.

What exactly are we fighting for, though?

Well, the Bush Doctrine made it clear we were fighting terror and stood as the last line of defense against an "axis of evil" in Iraq, Iran and North Korea.

Afghanistan's Taliban housed Osama bin Laden within the country's borders.

Saddam Hussein was a corrupt tyrant who saw human rights as a bad, bad thing.

And so, we went to war. NATO, having invoked Article V of the treaty for the first time in its history, became the primary force in Afghanistan, leaving the U.S. more flexible to fight in Iraq.

The idea of war in Iraq was based on preventative defense.

Surely, this country that may or may not have weapons of mass destruction, that phrase is really vague, isn't it, would have attacked us somewhere between the time we went to war with them and the semi-distant future.

I guess.

However, it's not why we're at

war that makes it nearly impossible for us to leave them now.

It's how entrenched we are, and the consequences of withdrawing.

War isn't like Monopoly. You can't get mad and just quit when things don't go your way.

Yeah, you only have possession of the Baltic and Mediterranean, and possibly Indiana for some random reason, but you don't just get up from the table and walk away.

We seem to be in some sort of a deadlock.

First of all, we're fighting as an organized army against an organization of guerilla fighters. It's impossible for either side to "win" in the classic definition.

Carl von Clausewitz, a renowned European strategist put our dilemma this way.

"We see then that if one side cannot completely disarm the other, the desire of peace on either side will rise and fall with the probability of further success..."

Essentially, we can't win by traditional means.

There aren't decisive battles here. We clean out terrorists from one area and they appear in another.

As they lose more of their men, perhaps their desire for peace rises.

As we spend more money basically putting out fires at this point, our desire for peace rises.

The key now seems to be how to get peace without losing credibility on this.

Do we negotiate with the Taliban in Afghanistan or do we try and get rid of the whole group once and for all?

Difficult to say, but right now, it's simply impossible to just up and leave the two countries.

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## It's time to stop wasting time

Ty Johnson  
Staff Reporter



things magically disappear one by one.

Unfortunately for me, my obligations were not intimidated by a staring contest and I had just as much work to do as before.

Then I said to myself, what I imagine every student might have said at some point this semester, 'I just don't have enough time.'

Usually my thoughts that would follow would support that. Normally, I would start to think of how busy I am; the assignments, interviews, unfinished stories and chores that are waiting for me.

But today, I thought, 'Wait, I really do have time. I just don't manage it well.'

That realization led me to the question that I would like every reader to ask him or herself.

'Where does all of my time go?'

When we say that we don't have time, some students are really saying

'I don't have time to procrastinate on Twitter, watch my favorite shows, Facebook or hangout with friends and still manage to complete all of my assignments on time.'

It's a matter of self-discipline and time management.

Last fall, I went to a campus seminar about time-management.

The guest speaker told a story about a guy that was never seen during the day, but late at night while his friends were studying, he would go out and have a good time.

Because his friends never seen him studying or doing homework, they all assumed he would never make it through the semester.

Then one day, one of his buddies saw his name on the Dean's list.

All of them were stumped as to how he could have managed to make the Dean's list when he was always partying or hanging out at night.

When they saw their friend again, they were all eager to know how he pulled it off.

He told them that he wakes up hours before class every morning to study and do homework.

Between classes while his friends were just hanging out, he would use that time to study again and complete assignments.

He was able to have the night to himself because he stuck to that rou-

tine.

That story struck a chord in me. I thought about how much time I let go to waste.

The time that I'm hanging out between classes, catching up on my favorite show or tweeting my life away, I could be using it to be productive.

Even if it's just 30 minutes between two classes that could be used to go over notes or start on that assignment that I would normally start the day it is due.

I admit it's also a matter of how bad you want to be productive.

How bad you want to swim and not drown in a sea of obligations.

Stephen Covey, author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, once said "The key is not in spending time, but in investing it."

Think of having good time management as investing into your future and how your future turns out is directly related to how much time you deposited in it.

How much time have you invested?

Time management can make or break you.

Evaluate your time, don't be afraid to make a few sacrifices and stick to a routine.

Your whole future is dependent upon it.

## Do what makes you happy

Zach McLendon  
Sauce Columnist



what I want to do with my life."

"Well as long as your happy, that's all we care about."

I can't tell you how many times I have had this conversation with my parents.

It's become a choreographed dance of verbal exchanges that always leads to the grand finale of "what ever makes you happy."

And even though they tell me I have their support, I can't help but feel that lingering question: What if I fail?

I don't think I am alone in feeling this burden.

As college students, we are all trying to live up to the standards that our parents have bestowed upon us.

Make money, have a nice house, drive a fancy car and provide for your family.

These are the characteristics of a person that our society has deemed "successful."

We were brought up learning these characteristics through our parents, and as their children we don't want to let them down.

But what if your calling in life doesn't promise these things? What if the passion that drives you leads to nothing more than a crappy apartment and maybe a few bucks in the bank?

So be it.

We have reached the pivotal crossroads in our lives, where we can either go down the path that would make our parents happy or we can go down the path that would

make us happy.

"A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night and in between he does what he wants to do," Bob Dylan said those words, a man who chose the latter path and ended up making the whole world happy.

We have to learn to let go of our parents' colossal expectations because in the end we are the ones that have to live with ourselves. We are the ones that have to look in the mirror every morning and be proud of the things that we have accomplished.

And there are some of us that will collapse under the weight of our parents' standards, but that's ok. The hope of a dream is never truly lost.

But for those of us that endure and stick with the path that is less traveled, it will make all the difference.

So sayeth Robert Frost, and if you listen hard enough, so sayeth yourself.

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-The Current Sauce staff

## BS'in with the Bull: Exclusivity

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



doing important things, like homework or things you usually stay up late for, I was on *StumbleUpon*.

If you don't know what that is, go find it on the Internet.

It will blow your mind.

Anyway, I digress. While on *StumbleUpon* I was brought to an article about marriage, and it got me thinking.

Our cultural consciences imploded 20 years ago over the fact that America's divorce rate had risen to over 50 percent.

More than half of all marriages were ending in divorce, five out of ten gray boats were shattering like broken vows.

The figure began to reach 75 percent 15 years later, and our already imploded minds burst into flames.

Our supposed rock solid American values of marriage seemed to be made of sandstone.

Why was this happening?

What strange god had we angered?

And which network news anchor could we sacrifice?

The answer, unfortunately, was no god, no anchor.

Instead, it appears that we ourselves must shoulder the blame.

Over the past 50 years, it has become increasingly easy to get married (drive-thru chapel, anyone?) and subsequently, to get divorced (drive-thru divorce court, I promise it exists).

And this wheel of progress – in a world where simple, fast and easy are the corner stones of progress – this wheel, in its very turning, traps beneath it and crushes, the integrity of marriage itself.

The institution has become denigrated simply by how accessible it has become.

As it becomes more denigrated, it is taken less seriously, more people jump into marriage (some several times) and find themselves in divorce court eight weeks later.

This further detracts from marriage's respectability and the cycle continues.

That is the reason why our divorce rate is so high. It is also the true reason all these folks are opposing equal marriage rights for same-sex couples.

Oh they claim it's because "homosexuality is a sin" and "marriage is between a man and a woman," but they're just trying to sound cool.

Exclusivity, folks. It's what makes cool stuff cool and lame stuff not cool.

Think about it.

Events, groups, clothing styles – they are all cool if only a few select people are invited to participate.

The second they become open to all, they lose all appeal. It's like tying your shoes, reading, going to school and voting.

All voted into the top ten in People Magazine's 100 Lamest Crap (Ok that's not real, but if it were it would be true).

Who wants to do something that everybody can do?

Now imagine that you got yourself into an exclusive club – an Elks, Lodge or Mason-type thing, for instance.

You're feeling pretty good about yourself – why shouldn't you? You are special.

Then, after a week of meetings, secret ancient scroll decoding classes and all-male blood-lettings, the group leaders announce they're making the club open to the public: "walk-ins welcome!"

You would be pissed too.

Suddenly you're thinking, "I gotta get a new cool thing! And it took me so long to fill out the application!"

This is what the "defenders" of marriage are feeling.

Their cool club is on the verge of losing all its cool.

Like how Facebook used to be for college-kids only, then the high schoolers came, then the office-staffers, then your grandma is sending you cartoon polar bears and you wonder if the time has finally come to delete your page (Nana, save your dollar!).

Yet, these radical fidelity-fighters aren't going to give up on marriage anytime soon. A stance that will ultimately be their undoing.

Cause we all know, the only way to keep the cool you got from exclusivity is to bail the first time things get lax.

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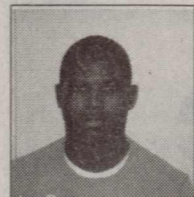
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Remember your vote is your voice.



## Dynomite: The best of the worst

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

Last week, the San Francisco 49ers were the best 0-5 team in the National Football League. This week, the 49ers are the best 1-5 team in the National Football League. In other words, despite their performance, the Niners continue to be the best of the worst in the NFL.

Their performance or lack thereof, is not due to inconsistency like in the previous season. In fact, besides two games earlier in the season-one against the Seattle Seahawks and another against the Kansas City Chiefs-they have impressed me thus far.

They have impressed me with their consistent defensive play, consistent offensive play and their consistent effort to give the game away.

The second game of the season raised some brows in the direction of the Niners. San Fran lost to the defending-super bowl champion Saints, 22-25. For the past few seasons, The New Orleans Saints have torn the 49ers a new one with the help of Brees and company.

Even though he has seen different offensive coordinators for just about every season, Alex Smith showed poised and confidence under center. He threw for 275 yards, completing 23 of 32 passes. Frank Gore was his usual self. He had 20 attempts with 112 yards.

The defense was solid and de-

spite the four-turnover differential for the Saints, the Niners went stride for stride. This game had everyone-myself included-reinforcing our preseason judgment about the 49ers post-season chances.

As mentioned before, never mind the game against the Chiefs. Matt Cassel and company pulled every trick out of the hat to confuse San Francisco and win the game.

The 49ers next game was another loss, this time to the Atlanta Falcons. The Falcons beat the Niners by the final score of 16-14, and just like their game against the Saints, San Francisco gave the game away.

The game had "49ers' first win" written all over. Late in the game, the Falcons comeback drive was stopped thanks to 49er cornerback Nate Clements.

Clements intercepted the ball with less than two minutes remaining in the game. Falcon receiver Roddy White then stripped the ball from behind him. The forced fumble gave Atlanta one last glimmer of hope, and the Falcons took advantage of it.

The Niners saw the same results the following week due to the same reason. They have 15 turnovers in six games played and the turnover differential went in favor of the opposing team for every close game.

As the halfway mark of the regular season approaches, the 49ers have obvious issues. The next game is Sunday against a winless Carolina Panthers team and the only way to turn the season around is to win the turnover battle.

## Demon Basketball begins practice

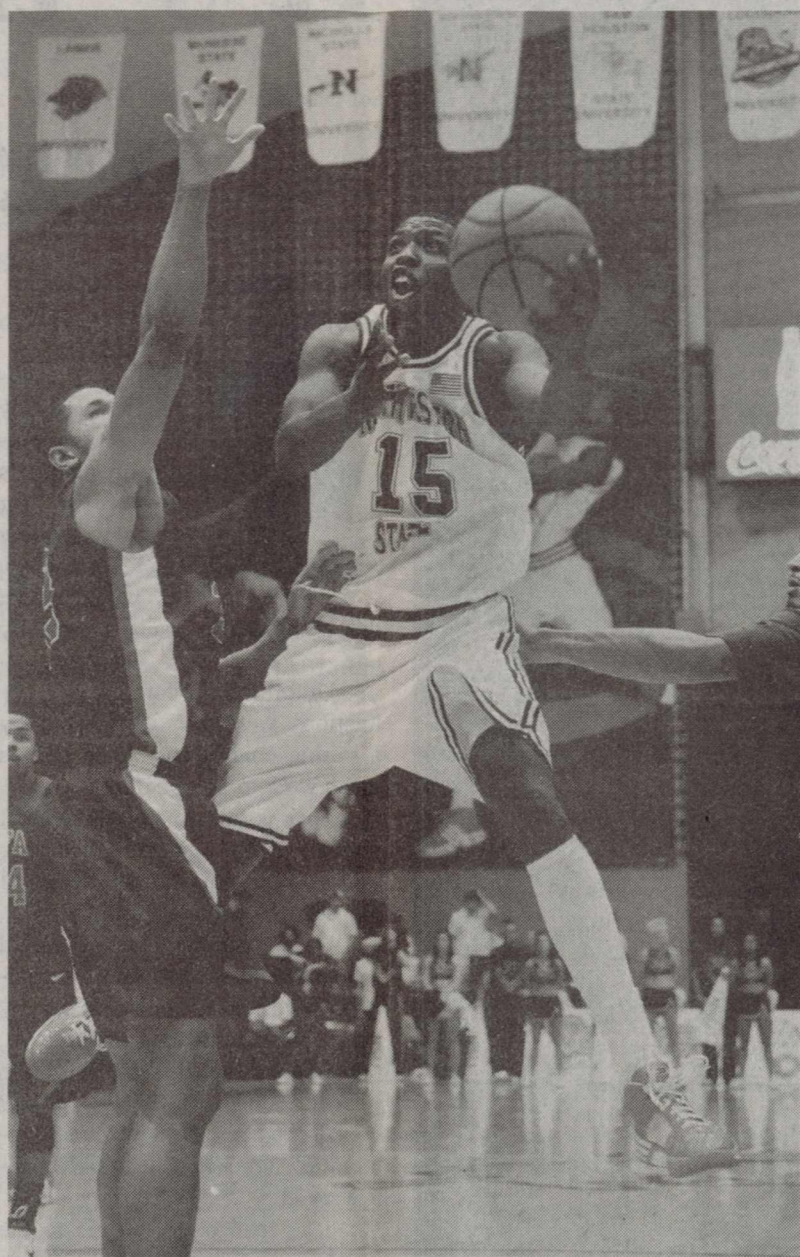
Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

Photo by Gary Hardamon  
Senior forward Will Pratt splits two SFA defenders. Pratt looks to be a key part of the Demon basketball team for this season.

The NSU Demon basketball team began practice last Friday in Prather Coliseum.

This season, the team hopes to return to its winning tradition with the help of seniors Devon Baker and Will Pratt, and junior William Mosley.

"Well being that it is my last season I am very excited," Pratt said. "I'm thinking about it [the season] constantly and I am ready for Nov. 12 to get here."

The Demons open up the season in Baton Rouge to match up against the LSU Tigers. After that, the Demons return home to face Houston Baptist at Prather Coliseum.

Mosely explained that the expectations the players have for themselves is high and that anything short of a conference championship is unacceptable.

He also added that this year's team is full of potential.

The 2010-2011 Demon basketball team will be one of the most experience teams to step on Prather Coliseum's hardwood floor for NSU.

Ten lettermen are returning for the Demons, including junior forward Charles Clark, sophomore guard Shamir Davis and senior guard Logan McConathy.

"The kids are anxious to get into full swing, and so are the coaches," Mike McConathy, 12-year head coach, said.

"We've done our preseason a little different and allowed them to play a lot more and hopefully they'll have benefitted from that. We have four new kids and we thought that would help them get to know each other's games better."

Freshmen Tyler Washington, Gary Stewart, Patrick Robinson and junior transfer Louis Ellis are newcomers to the Demon roster.

"We're hoping because they've played a lot together, the kids who have been here have helped them along to understand our system," McConathy said. "They have to be ready to perform immediately and from I can tell, they are getting good direction."

Pratt believes that the only way to have a more successful season is to work as a team.

"The 'I' factor is something that we can't have," Pratt said. "We have to be team oriented before me oriented. We have to be there for each other in both good times and bad."

The Demons have 16 home court appearances this season. The Nov. 15 matchup against Houston Baptist is followed by a Nov. 20 game against Tennessee Martin.

The Demons will also host I-49 rival Centenary and Louisiana Tech for the first time.

"The road ahead is tough," Davis said. "The only way we can do this is by sacrificing socially as well as on the floor. Putting the team before everything."

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## Campus police release 2009 reported crime

Ty Johnson  
Staff Reporter

The NSU Police reported a relatively low number of arrests in 2009 on the Annual Security Report, compared to 2008.

According to the Campus Security Act, it's mandatory that the University Police publish a report every year that shows each year's crime statistics.

There were 18 reported arrests for 2009, nearly half of 2008's 32 reported arrests.

Despite a decrease in arrests, in 2009 students reported 47 burglaries on campus and two robberies - one on public property and the other on campus.

Between 2008 and 2009, the number of burglaries increased by 31 and the number of aggravated assaults dropped by one.

There were no reported rapes, arson, homicides or motor vehicle theft.

There has not been any reported motor vehicle theft, arson or murder

for the last three years at NSU.

There was a slight increase in liquor law violations and drug violations.

Detective Doug Prescott, of NSU Police, said the campus police have taken more security measures to reduce crime.

Officers are making the effort to "increase visibility" to discourage potential lawbreakers.

"We have four patrol cars, four golf carts and one officer on a bicycle," Prescott said.

University Police also has officers on foot.

Prescott said that campus police are down two officers because they have been stationed at another location.

Prescott hopes to get at least one of those positions filled in the near future.

Detective Prescott said most burglaries can be credited to students leaving valuables in the open and not locking their doors before they leave.

"It's up to the student to be

aware of who comes in and who goes out of their room," Prescott said.

Some precautions he thinks students should take include, locking their doors, writing down serial numbers and avoid leaving valuables in the open in vehicles.

Sophomore music major Jonathan Nichols agreed that students should be more responsible.

"Everyone here is old enough to understand that everyone isn't your friend," Nichols said.

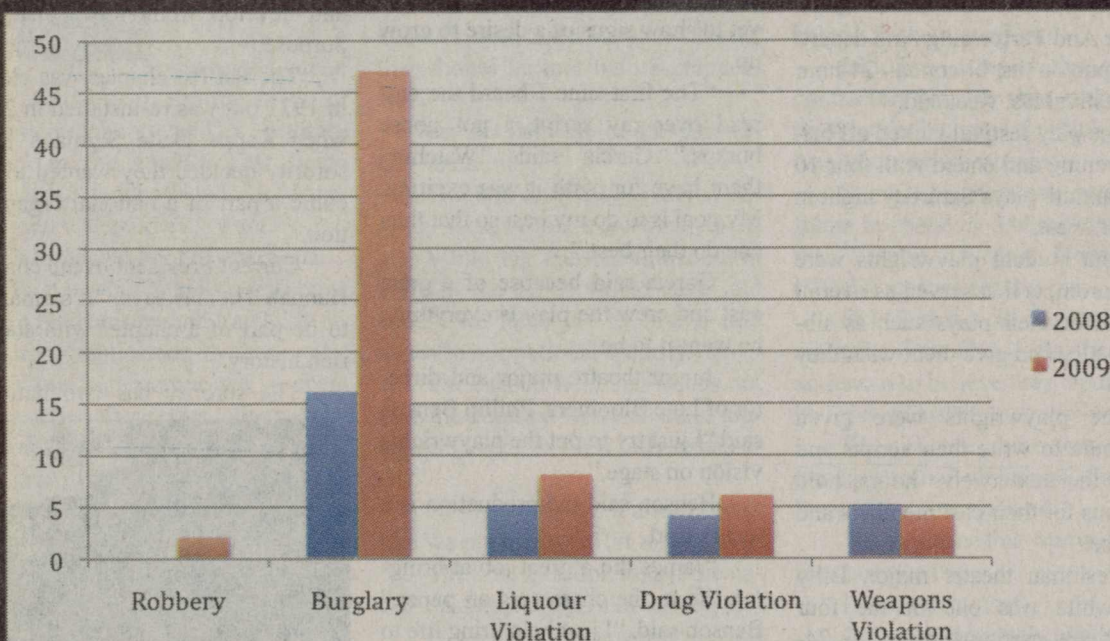
"Taking a few minutes to lock the door behind you or putting your things in a safe place shouldn't be an issue."

Nichols said too many people find out the hard way.

"I'd rather take the time to be cautious now than to end up upset about someone stealing my things later," Nichols said.

A copy of the Annual Security report can be found at the University Police building or online at the department's Web site.

### Comparison of 2008 & 2009 crime at NSU



## Mr. & Miss NSU, Homecoming Court requirements may rise: SGA senator pursues higher academic, leadership standards

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

For the second year in a row, the Student Government Association is voting to raise the standards for Mr. and Miss NSU and Homecoming Court nominees Monday, Nov. 1.

Senators will be voting on whether to increase not only the academic, but also the extracurricular standards for both prestigious awards at NSU.

In terms of academics, the proposed bills would raise the Mr. and Miss NSU's 2.75 grade point average minimum to a 3.0 and the Homecoming Court's 2.0 GPA minimum to a 2.5.

Nominees for these honors

would also have to be involved in at least two Recognized Student Organizations and an elected official in at least one RSO for Mr. and Miss NSU and be involved in at least one RSO for Homecoming Court.

Currently, nominees only have to be a member of one RSO.

Additionally, nominees would be required to submit a resume to the university officials.

SGA Senator Candace Bostic is the primary signer of the proposed bills and said it's because the requirements for Mr. and Miss NSU and the Homecoming Court do not reflect the prestige of the awards.

"These are defined as 'honor positions,'" Bostic said. "I don't think there is anything honorable about the current GPA standards."

SGA Speaker of the Senate

Matthew Morrison, a co-signer of the bills, agreed with Bostic.

"These are honors, and those receiving them should be held to a higher standard," Morrison said. "It should be a measure of academic and extra curricular achievement."

The standards for these awards have been an issue on campus for years.

In 2006, a similar bill was written, but the SGA did not approve it.

In the spring of 2009, another bill was written pertaining to the issue. After detailed discussion and differing opinions from the student body, the SGA voted to raise the minimum GPA requirement for Mr. and Miss NSU from a 2.5 to a 2.75.

Although she said it was a step in the right direction, Bostic said the increase made in 2009 is not good

enough in her opinion.

Bostic said she researched and found that the average GPA of a senior at NSU is a 2.8. She said that she thinks at the very least, the standards should surpass this average.

Bostic also looked into the standards of other institutions in the University of Louisiana System and found that there are both schools with similar requirements and others with higher requirements.

Bostic said she has surveyed students' opinion and has received about 160 responses for the two bills. Although she said she has not finished going through all of the results, Bostic said she has already seen a wide variety of opinions.

She explained that she has seen many in wide support of her proposed bills, but at the same time, a

great deal of strong opposition from other students.

Morrison said students should not think that the SGA is deliberately trying to disqualify students from having the opportunity to receive these awards, but said they should view it as SGA trying to improve NSU.

"There is no aggression behind these bills," Morrison said. "We just want to try to make sure students are striving to do their best."

Despite the opposition, Bostic said she is confident that the bills will pass at next Monday's meeting. To pass, the bills require a two-thirds majority vote.

"We can pass this through if [the senators] aren't too narrow minded," Bostic said.

SGA President Mark Daniels

said he expects and encourages all students to come to the next meeting and voice their opinions on the issue. He said he wants to see the Friedman Student Union ballroom filled.

Daniels said he does not have an official stance on the issue, but in the past, he has shown support for raising the requirements.



### Remaining events for Homecoming 2010

Wednesday, Oct. 27 – Homecoming Block Party  
1-4 p.m. @ Student Union Circle  
3 p.m. Homecoming Fun Run @ Student Union Circle

Thursday, Oct. 28 – "Live From NSU... It's Anjelah Johnson!"  
7:00 pm @ A.A. Frederick  
\$5 for students, \$15 for non-students  
Tickets on sale in Student Union Rm. 100

Friday, Oct. 29 – "Saturday Night Live" Lip Sync  
7:00pm. @ A.A. Frederick  
\$5 at door for non-students & staff

Saturday, Oct. 30 – "Live From NSU... It's Saturday Night Live"  
Parade & Tailgate  
Parade @ 2:30 p.m.  
Pep Rally immediately after @ NSU Tailgating Area.  
FREE food at Tailgate for students w/ ID

\*Homecoming Football Game @ 6 pm\*  
NSU vs. Sam Houston  
Kick Off 6:00 p.m. @ Turpin Stadium

## Natchitoches Parish Update

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist

Two major bodies in the parish have now voiced their support of the half-cent sales tax to be voted on in early November.

Last week, the Natchitoches Parish Chamber of Commerce put out a resolution in support of the tax and on Monday night, the Natchitoches City Council joined in with their support.

The Chamber of Commerce announced their support of the tax after Chairman Roger Cunningham sent out a letter requesting feedback on the proposal to come out in favor.

While the support wasn't unanimous, according to Cunningham and President/CEO of the Chamber Tony

Davis, there was enough to move forward with the support.

The Chamber's decision is historic if you look back at previous tax initiatives.

Being an organization of business leaders, a tax is not seen as a good thing, for the most part.

However, according to the Chamber, it is necessary for the parish to pass this proposal to save the criminal court system and keep the parish up and running.

At the same time, though, the resolution has a second part: the Chamber will keep a close eye on the parish government and will withdraw their support for a tax in the future if the parish government squanders the opportunity.

And on Monday, the Natchi-

toches City Council voiced their support in a resolution as well.

Councilman Jack McCain said that, despite being against tax increases, this was a necessary step in helping the parish government function.

Dale Nielsen told the public he felt the same way and it took some time to think it over but, ultimately, he would support the proposal.

Councilman at large Don Mims said he was comfortable with the tax knowing it was dedicated to funding the criminal court system.

The city's resolution mentions the establishment of the Blue Ribbon Charter Commission as a key reason for the support, an opinion shared by the Chamber of Commerce.

### Reminder:

Pick up your copy of NSU's 2010 Argus Art and Literary Magazine Oct. 27 outside of Vic's from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Copies are free and feature the art, photography, poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction of NSU's most talented and creative minds.

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## CAPA produces plays into the night

Ty Johnson  
Sauce Reporter

reative And Performing Arts department put on its bi-annual 24-hour play festival last weekend.

The play festival kicked off Friday evening and ended with four 10 to 15 minute plays Saturday night in Theatre West.

Four student playwrights were given prompts that served as overall themes for their plays such as sibling rivalry and give them what they want.

The playwrights were given five hours to write their scripts and within the next twelve hours, hold auditions for their cast members and rehearse.

Freshman theater major, Billy Applewhite was one of the four playwrights participating in the 24-hour play festival.

"I've written a script before but never under these time constraints," Applewhite said.

Operating with only 20 minutes of sleep, Applewhite said he wrote the script in within four hours.

"It's crazy, hectic and insane but at the same time it's so much fun," Applewhite said. "We're all on the edge of passing out. It's such a blast to come and do what we love."

Applewhite wrote the play, The Fletcher Estate.

It told a story of members in a mobster family fighting for their father's estate after his death.

The play was laced with comedy and a surprise ending.

"It's an amazing feeling to watch your play come to life; to watch something you've sparked catch aflame," Applewhite said.

Sophomore theatre major and student director, Tim Sandifers was confident in the cast and crew.

"I think the team collaborated and really planned ahead," Sandifers said. "We're ready for anything."

The Real Park Bench, written by sophomore theater major Airrol Angelle, was another play featured in the 24-hour festival.

The main character takes a philosophical approach of reality and what makes something real or unreal.

She becomes so intertwined in the concept that she spends six hours on a park bench.

"I was trying to let the audience hear another perspective that they can take on reality," Angelle said. "The play doesn't answer any questions, it provokes them. It provokes independent thought."

Angelle was satisfied with the outcome of the play.

"I believe I made the audience really think once the show was over," Angelle said. "I could see that they got the message."

With the prompt "give them what they want" in tow, student playwright and sophomore theatre major James Garcia knew he had to come up with a script that an audience would be captivated by. So Garcia wrote the play, Late Bloom-

ers.

The dark comedy tells a story of a father and his strained relationships with wife and a son who has yet to show signs of a desire to grow up.

"The first time I heard the cast read over my script, I got goose bumps," Garcia said. "Watching them have fun with it was exciting. My goal is to do my best so that they can do their best."

Garcia said because of a great cast and crew the play is everything he want it to be.

Junior theatre major and director of Late Bloomers, Phillip Benson said "I just try to put the playwrights vision on stage."

Benson said the production is a team effort.

"James did a great job at bringing life to the characters on paper," Benson said. "I just help bring life to the characters on stage."

Garcia said, "They're pushing to their limits; they're all doing a great job."

The festival featured plays with comical, philosophical, suspenseful, and romantic themes.

"I love the idea of couples solving mysteries together," Nick Jimenez, freshman theater major, said. "I think it's a cool dynamic."

In three hours, Jimenez wrote a script in one of his favorite genres.

The romantic comedy, Dancer and Ash was about a couple that has to deal with being held hostage by a jewel thief and their own relationship issues.

"Once the characters were in my head, I knew what they would say," Jimenez said.

"The exterior is about a couple that has been kidnapped and finding out who stole the jewel, but it's really about a couple who has forgotten why they fell in love with each other."

Jimenez said he loved the fact that the couple had no other choice, but to work out there problems because they had no where to go.

"It's really exhilarating, but it's also very tiring," Jimenez said. "I was constantly living in the world of the play. Even though I'm not the director, I'm very hands-on."

"There's not one moment that I'm not trying to make the play better. It's very immersive."

Senior musical theatre major Casey Bozenski would not trade the experience for the world.

"I'm so proud because it's such an accomplishment," Bozenski said. "Everyone has worked so hard."

After working non-stop through 24-hours nearly sleep deprived, the casts and crews of each play, performed the pieces at 7:30 Saturday evening.

Many students that participated in the event cannot wait till next year to participate all over again.

For more information about plays and the Creative and Performing Arts Department call 318-357-4522 or e-mail at [brent@nsula.edu](mailto:brent@nsula.edu).

## Alpha Sigma Alpha turns eighty

Chasity Taylor  
Sauce Reporter

Alpha Sigma Alpha a sorority based on promoting balance and high ideals for its members through social, spiritual, physical and intellectual development is 80 years old.

Founded on May 30, 1930 the Psi Psi chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha's main purpose was to foster close friendships between members and develop women of poise and purpose.

The Psi Psi chapter was closed in 1971 but was re-installed in 2002 when Kappa Delta Sigma a local sorority decided they wanted to become a part of a national organization.

Current President of the chapter Hannah Thomas says, "It's amazing to be part of a chapter with such a rich history."

The sorority has two national

philanthropies Special Olympics and The S. June Smith Center.

Every spring the chapter hosts a weeklong philanthropy event called The Ladybug Olympics to raise money for the Red River Special Olympics.

The members of Alpha Sigma Alpha also participate in philanthropic events throughout the year.

Other than their many philanthropic events Alpha Sigma Alpha members are required to do service hours along with the social activities and other Greek Life activities they participate in.

"It is amazing being apart of a sorority that has so much history," Lauren Peters, treasurer and ritual chairman, said. "Alpha Sigma Alpha isn't just something you participate in while you are at school, but something that stays in your heart for the rest of your life."

The members of Alpha Sigma Alpha plan to celebrate their 80th anniversary ceremony the morning

of homecoming and during their tailgate having an Alumnae Family Reunion.

"To me, it's an honor to be in a sorority that has been around for 80 years," Amber Martinez, vice president of programming and ritual, said. "Being around for 80 years gives each of our members the inspiration to continue to do great things in our sorority and the community outside of it."

Alpha Sigma Alpha  
• Founded - 1901  
• Mascot - Phoenix  
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Pictured above are women from Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority posing in front of their Greek letters.

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## BS'in with the Bull : NSU Homecoming a step up from high school's festivities

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



trying to figure out what my favorite NSU Homecoming memory was, and finally at 4 a.m. Tuesday, it came to me.

It was the first NSU homecoming I ever went through.

Now to understand why it was such a big deal you need to know me in high school.

In high school, I never went to any dances or proms until my senior year.

I never participated in much and I tried to stay away from Homecoming football games and packed stores at the mall trying to avoid all the crazy girls looking for a dress.

Then I remember coming to NSU, and I remember surprisingly being consumed by the excitement of my first Homecoming week in college.

And let me tell you, it is a lot different from what freshmen are used to.

First of all, I didn't even know there was a Homecoming in college. I always thought that it was primarily a "high school thing."

It completely caught me off guard when I started seeing posters around school telling us to vote for our Homecoming Queen and everything else we vote for.

Even when I saw the posters around campus, I still wasn't quite sure of what Homecoming in college was all about.

It turned out that Homecoming in college is a BIG deal.

Not only is the week full of fun events for everybody to enjoy, but people seem to actually participate in them and genuinely enjoy the spirit of Homecoming.

This wasn't the case back in my high school days at least for me.

Way back when I was in high school, which was six years ago if your keeping count, the Student Government practically begged students to go to the pep rallies.

We lacked serious school spirit and, on top of that, my high school football team took losing to a whole new level.

In college, Homecoming week is actually fun.

One of the big activities during Homecoming week is the comedy show, which was held in Magale, and don't ask who it was because I can't remember.

I do know that this year it's Bon Qui Qui, however.

To me, the comedy show sounded like a great idea to have a couple of laughs with real comedians for once.

The thing I remember most was the parade.

It's what I remember most because I don't normally like parades but for some reason I was so enthralled in this one.

I was literally giddy as a school girl, not real sure why but I was.

Again, I don't remember the theme, my memory is apparently not what it should be.

Then of course, how can we forget the football game — the single most important part of Homecoming week?

That year NSU played, for the life of me I need to get this checked out because I can't remember who we played, but it doesn't matter.

Because it wasn't the game I remember most, obviously. The thing I do remember most was the tailgating.

I remember there was a lot more people there then there normally was.

There were a few live bands playing, and it to me just seemed a lot more festive.

Now, I know that this issue of the Sauce is coming out on Wednesday, but I do encourage all the freshmen, and everybody else for that matter, to go out and enjoy what is left of Homecoming week.

It really is something that I will remember for the rest of my life, that is if my memory holds long enough.

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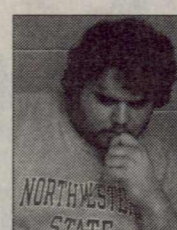
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## Half the battle: Brilliance or stupidity?

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist



documents about the U.S. military efforts in the Middle East being leaked, we now have more information than we could ever want.

It brings up a lot of questions.

First of all, should we still be at war in Afghanistan and Iraq?

It's complicated.

While some argue we've spent too much on these wars, others argue it's too soon to leave.

True, we've spent a lot on the war, but we've spent just as much on other ventures that haven't worked out so well.

Wikileaks raises good questions. In some instances, there are clear violations of human rights.

The struggle between our military and private contractors is disheartening.

Why are we there, the Web site would ask, when it is so clear we're not accomplishing anything.

And I agree that we shouldn't have gone to Iraq in the first place.

It violated some of the basic tenets of military thought.

Going to war before exhausting all diplomatic ventures would be a serious offense to classical military strategists.

All reports would indicate the U.S. didn't even try.

Our former Secretary of State, Colin Powell, had a list of conditions that should be met before going to war.

On this list, four of the eight really stand out.

The first item asks if a vital national security interest is threatened.

While the Bush administration early in the 2000s would have said "yes," we have yet to find a true threat to our national security.

The second item that stands out asks the question "have all other diplomatic ventures been fully exhausted?"

As stated earlier, it doesn't look like we put in any effort to.

The next question asks if the nation has prepared an exit-strategy.

If we have, the government has been keeping really quiet on us.

It looks like we just went in to topple the Saddam Hussein regime and after we did, we just stood around asking "What's next?"

The final item that really stands out is the question on whether the American people supported the war.

This question is interesting be-

cause, while we did have some support, for the most part it feels like the Bush administration used the patriotism we felt after 9/11 to further this agenda on war in Iraq.

Now, we look at what information Wikileaks provides us.

Reports of contractors really being more of a problem than being helpful in the war effort.

Including a report that private contractors actually shot at the Iraqi president's bodyguard, thinking he was an enemy combatant.

Some biochemical weapons found in abandoned homes supports the Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) reasons for the war.

But looking at the uses and amounts of the chemicals, there was no reason to believe they would ever be used against us.

We also see some torture and human rights violations that we knew about, but allowed.

The evidence that war was a bad idea has piled up.

I won't deny that.

But, it's extremely difficult to pack up and leave, according to almost every military and historical resource you can look up.

I'm not saying I support the war, but I have said and will always say support the troops that fight.

Once the job is done and a successful exit strategy is in place, then we'll ask the hard questions.

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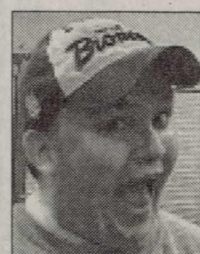
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## Favorite Homecoming Memories



Andy Bullard  
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For my best memory of NSU homecoming, read my column, BS'in with the Bull: Homecoming memories.



Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

My NSU homecoming is the 2007 homecoming. It was my first college homecoming. The Demons lost that year to TSU, but it was a new experience that I will never forget. Fork'em



Lynda Hammett  
Copy Editor

My favorite Homecoming memory was last year because my sorority, Phi Mu, worked so hard on lipsync and the float and ended up coming out on top with winning overall.



David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

My favorite Homecoming memory comes from 2007, my freshman year. I worked the game for ROTC, so I was able to watch the game up close and personal on the sideline. I enjoyed the energy and the anticipation that was present all during Homecoming week.



Vanner Erikson  
Life Editor

My favorite homecoming memory is from my junior year, last year. It was the first year I was on Homecoming Court and everything I did was just so exciting. Everything from the pep rally to the parade; it was like one big adrenaline rush. I made a lot of new friends because most of the people on court I didn't know, but I got to know them at our many lip sync practices. Everything I did for Homecoming and the week leading up to homecoming will forever be a great memory for me attending NSU.

## Staff Game Predictions

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## NSU football makes it two in a row

Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student

Earlier this month, the Demons pulled out a win over 22nd-ranked Central Arkansas improving to 2-4 on the season and 1-1 in Southland Conference play.

This past weekend they went on the road with hopes of accomplishing something that hadn't been done by a Demon squad since 1998 and that is pull off two consecutive road conference wins.

The Purple swarm defense got things started by forcing and recovering a fumble on the very first possession of the game which the offense promptly turned into seven points with a 4-yard scamper into the end zone by Sterling Endsley followed by a made extra point giving the visitors a lead they would never relinquish.

Texas State failed to put any points on the board in the first quarter and entered the second period in a 3-down and 4 situation.

The Bobcats weren't able to convert on third down but pulled a fast one on the Demons by throwing in a fake punt which went for 6 yards and the first down at the 50 yard line.

The drive however, would prove to be the home team's only scoring of the day after Justin Garelick nailed a 40-yard field goal cutting the Demon lead to four with 9:45 left in the 1st half.

The Purple Swarm defense was the story of the day holding the Texas State offense to just 57 yards on



Photo by Don Elmore  
Demon running back Sterling Endsley drags Texas State tacklers for extra yards. Endsley scored one rushing touchdown.

the ground while only allowing 234 yards total which was 100 below their season average.

The Demon defense also kept Texas State from scoring a touchdown at home for the first time in 9 seasons.

"Good defenses play together, Bradley Dale Peveto, Demon Head Coach, said. "What you saw today that we didn't do last year is we made plays all over the place. We have

loosened up and are playing football. We are believing in ourselves."

One of the most notable defensive performances of the day came from sophomore linebacker Derek Rose who was all over the field for the Demons.

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## Win puts Demon soccer in postseason

Logan McConathy  
Sauce Reporter

The last home weekend for the Northwestern State Soccer team was a successful one as NSU picked up a tie and win respectively and stayed in the chase for postseason play.

The top six teams will advance on to play in the Southland Conference Tournament in San Marcos, Texas. The tournament begins on Thursday, Nov. 4 and the culmination of the season is Sunday Nov. 12. The winner of the tournament will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA national tournament.

Coming into the week the Demons' conference record was one win four losses and no ties. The Demons picked up a tie to start the weekend off against Lamar. While not the victory the Demons wanted they were able to inch forward in the standing with Friday's result.

The Demons needed a win in Sunday's match over McNeese if they had any chance of making the tournament. And they did not disappoint those who gathered at the Demon Soccer Complex to cheer on the Demons and support the two seniors on this year's squad.

Heather Burt and Sarah Sadler played their final home game as members of the NSU soccer team. The two seniors left the field Sunday just as they have so many times while at Northwestern State, as winners.

NSU picked up the first goal of



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Melodie Johnson heads the ball on a corner kick. The ball rebounded off the cross bar and was knocked in for the winning goal.

the match against McNeese when Melodie Johnson finished off a free kick by Rachel O'Steen in the 14th minute of play. An own goal by the Demons brought the score to 1-1 in the 57th minute of the match but where able to pick up the most important goal of the season off the foot of Taylor Mulnix.

Melodie Johnson's header on a corner kick hit off the top corner of the cross bar and Mulnix picked up the rebound and punched in the game winning goal with only 7 minutes to go in regulation.

With the success over the weekend the Demons brought their overall conference record for the year to 2-4-1. In the standings the Demons sit in sole possession of 8th place but

are just percentage points behind the 6th and final spot for the conference tourney.

The soccer team travels to Thibodeaux, Friday to take on Nicholls State who is winless thus far in conference play. The regular season finale is Sunday against Southeastern, who currently sits atop the standings in the league.

"We haven't gotten good results on the road this year," Mitchell said. "But I think our players know that we can go on the road and win games."

The Demons look to trick the Lady Colonels and Lady Lions over the Halloween weekend and come back home with a trip to the San Marcos as their treat.

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## NSU nears completion of new pavilion

ShaRhonda Williams  
Practicum Student

To find a cool and relaxing area during the tailgating of a home game, you will not have to venture far from the action.

By December, NSU expects to complete construction on a multi-purpose pavilion located in the tailgating area behind Prather Coliseum.

Although the pavilion will be located in the heart of the university's athletic vicinity, the facility will not simply cater to athletic events, said Drake Owens, director of Alumni Affairs.

"Our vision for the pavilion is [to have] a multi-purpose facility that is widely used by students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends," Owens explained.

Construction commenced in May, and the university originally anticipated the completion date by last month, however, the change in structural plans caused the pavilion to fall a little behind schedule.

"The facility should be completed by early November or late November, at the latest," Owens said.

"The [structural] plans were originally designed to have a cinder block wall, but were changed to include brick facing and accent coins to match the look and feel of other building in the athletic complex."

The pavilion will be a 3,700 square foot, open-air facility with air-conditioned bathrooms, patios and storage rooms for equipment, such as chairs and tables.

"We feel that a dynamic structure of this size and quality will



The NSU Alumni Association expects the 3,700 square foot multi-purpose pavilion to be complete by the end of the month. The open-air facility cost about \$250,000 and was funded by donations from the Alumni Association.

greatly enhance the outdoor experience for events in this area of the campus," Owens said.

Nicolas Carr, a senior health and exercise science major, agreed that the pavilion will improve attendance at home football games.

"I think the pavilion will benefit NSU by improving the number of students that attend tailgating prior

to a home game," Carr said.

He said this is because there is no place for students or their families to relax while in the tailgating area.

Although students will benefit the most from the facility, additional fees were not implemented into student fees to fund the project.

"The pavilion is a privately

funded project facilitated through the NSU Foundation and NSU Alumni Association", Owens explained.

"The pavilion facility is funded 100 percent by the NSU Alumni Association: no state money, grants, or student fees were used to fund this project in any way."

The NSU Alumni Association donated approximately \$250,000

to fund the pavilion project, Owen said.

The architectural design of the pavilion is by TBA Studios located in West Monroe.

The constructing of the facility is by RDS Construction, a local construction company in Natchitoches.

Use of the facility must be pre-approved by the the Alumni Office.

Photo by ShaRhonda Williams/ The Current Sauce

## SGA raises bar for Mr. and Miss NSU, rejects standards for Homecoming Court

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

After close to an hour of discussion and debate, the Student Government Association approved to raise the academic and leadership standards of potential candidates for Mr. and Miss NSU Monday night.

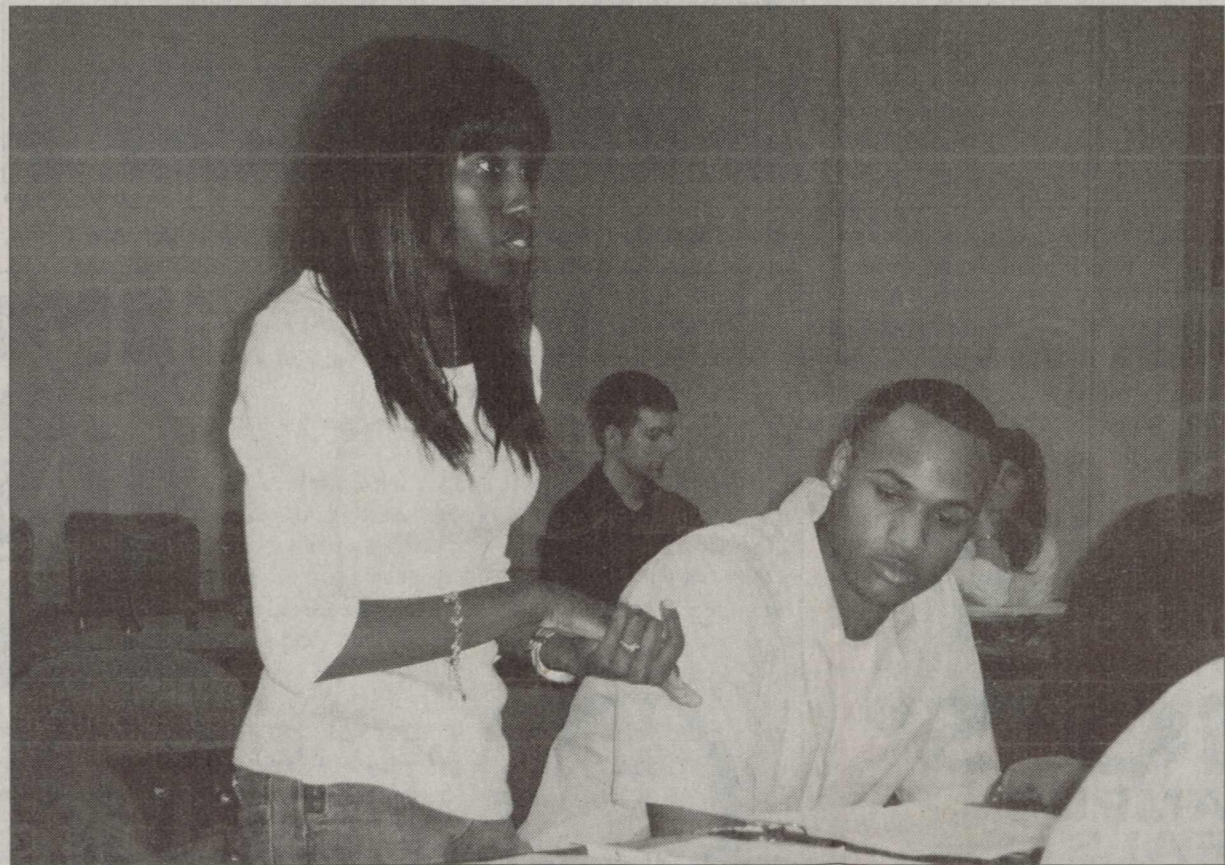
The Senate received at least two-thirds vote to require future candidates to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0, be a member of at least two Recognized Student Organizations and a leader in at least one RSO. Additionally, candidates must submit a resume to be approved by the SGA adviser.

The SGA, however, did not pass the similar bill up for vote concerning requirements for NSU's Homecoming Court.

The bill concerning the Homecoming Court would have raised the minimum GPA requirement from a 2.0 to a 2.5 and would have required candidates to be a member in at least one RSO.

Keenan Brown, co-author of the two proposed bills, said he is ultimately happy with the results of the night.

"I'm a little frustrated about the Homecoming bill not being passed, but at the same time excited that we



SGA Senator Candace Bostic argues the importance of raising the academic and leadership requirements for Mr. and Miss NSU and Homecoming Court to the organization at Monday's meeting.

were able to pass the Mr. and Miss NSU bill," Brown said. "All in all, this was still a step forward in the right direction."

Although there was opposition

within the Senate for both bills, there was clearly more opposition toward the Homecoming Court bill.

The primary argument for those in favor of both bills was that being

named to the Homecoming Court or Mr. and Miss NSU is an "honor" based on both academic and leadership achievement.

A strong advocate of raising the

standards, in particular the GPA requirements, was SGA Academic Affairs Commissioner Josh Nuss.

Nuss argued that the GPA requirements in place do not reflect the prestige of the positions and the bills would clearly define what NSU describes as honor.

"If this institution of higher education wants to reward, what is basically, academic mediocrity, we might as well sit down and let the budget cuts shut the school's doors," Nuss told the Senate at Monday's meeting.

NSU Supreme Court Chief Justice Tim Gattie suggested to the SGA that academics not be the primary measure of success.

"It really comes down to what 'honor' is," Gattie said. "I think there are other ways to show honor than just through academics, like service and campus activity."

SGA Treasurer Shanice Major agreed with Gattie. She said she believed a minimum GPA requirement is not necessary for the Homecoming Court and that it should ultimately be up to the student body if a candidate is worthy.

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## Radiology dept. receives \$200,000 for equipment

Ty Johnson  
Staff Reporter

NSU's Department of Radiologic Sciences has been awarded a grant of \$200,000 for the building of an imaging laboratory at the Nursing Education Center in Shreveport.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professionals Health Careers Opportunity program funded the grant.

Laura Aaron, head of the Radiological Science department, and with grant coordinator Maxine Johnson submitted the proposal.

"It's very expensive medical equipment," Aaron said.

"Without the grant we wouldn't have been able to have this for the students."

The experience of working in an imaging laboratory will increase training opportunities for radiologic science majors and it will also benefit the students in their job search after graduation.

The lab will offer critical, realistic training and experience for students in digital radiology that they will need later on.

The hands-on learning will enable the students to build imaging skills that will come in handy when they transition to patient care facilities.

"It's very beneficial," Aaron said.

"The equipment in the imaging lab is similar to the medical equipment used in hospitals where the graduates will be employed."

Junior radiologic science major Fatima Blakely said she believes the imaging laboratory will be beneficial to her training as well as for her fellow classmates.

Most of the equipment radiology students are currently using is not digital.

"It will really help us to work with digital equipment before going into the real world," Blakely said.

"Most of the technology used in hospital are digital. It'll be a good experience for us."

Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Norann Planchock said the grant for the imaging laboratory would help the faculty, students and the university.

"The grant will increase the chances of students returning and also the number of graduations and the success of the students," Planchock said.

Blakely said she thinks a lot of the new classes coming in will enjoy having a digital lab.

"We're learning everything before we leave the program," Blakely said.

"Our teachers are teaching us exactly what we need to know."

The plans for the imaging laboratory are currently in the process of being finalized.

The lab is expected to be finished and open for students by next spring.

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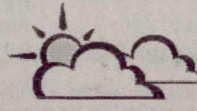
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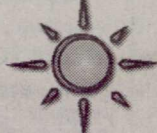
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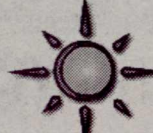
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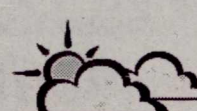
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Pictured above are Homecoming Queen and King Amy Dodson and Yaser Elqutub after the win on Saturday.

## A closer look into the lives of royalty

Jeff Sholar  
Sauce Reporter

Together, they stood in Turpin Stadium with many fellow NSU students cheering their names.

Homecoming ended with many memories including the Demons winning in double overtime and a crowing moment for two people on this year's court. Amy Dodson and Yaser Elqutub were elected Homecoming King and Queen by the student body. And they want to say thank you and let you into their lives a little more...

**How did it feel to have this honor given to you?**

AMY: It was more than a blessing. I couldn't have dreamed of a better homecoming experience! It seemed almost like a fairytale, cheerleader and football player as king and queen and the Demons winning in double overtime.

YASER: Being elected homecoming king is one of the biggest honors in my life. I feel so blessed to be a part of this school, let alone be homecoming king! But I don't feel like I am any different than anyone else, if anything I feel like I represent all those who go to NSU, so to me I feel like NSU won it!

**What advice would you give any person wanting to be on court in the future?**

AMY: Get involved! Northwestern has tons of organizations that lead

you to wanting to do more and more. There is NO reason to be bored at NSU.

Enjoy your 4 or 5 years of college by experiencing all that NSU has to offer. Just being involved in college has been a wonderful experience.

YASER: Advice would be to be yourself. There shouldn't be a strategy to being on court just because it is more of recognition by your peers. But if you are on court, enjoy every minute of it, because there are definitely some cool people on court!

**What is your favorite food?**

AMY: Grilled chicken with mashed potatoes

YASER: Arabic food

**What is your favorite kind of music?**

AMY: Christian, I love me some K-love and I like rap to get me pumped up.

YASER: Chill music or music with a message within it.

**What do you do for fun in your spare time?**

AMY: Cheerleading, spend time with family, friends, and my boyfriend, and sometimes I really enjoy sitting down and relaxing!

YASER: Work out, volunteer, study, and hang out with friends.

**If you were stranded on a desert island and could only be one thing what would it be?**

AMY: Probably a large shipment of food and drinks. I don't like seafood and I also dislike coconuts.

YASER: A cell phone... It wouldn't be so lonely

**Your role model**

AMY: My dad, without a doubt

YASER: My family (brothers, sister, mom, dad)

**Your favorite color**

AMY: Green

YASER: Purple! Go Demons

**What do you want to say to the student body that elected you?**

AMY: I cannot express how thankful I am to have received the chance to be your NSU Homecoming Queen. I had so much fun this past week and I will cherish the memories forever. I cannot thank the student body enough for thinking of me and electing me as their homecoming queen.

At every event during homecoming week I looked around the crowds at the students and thanked God for blessing me with such great friends and for placing me at such a wonderful university.

YASER: Again I just can't thank this school enough for choosing me. It is really a huge honor and blessing. The real winner is NSU!

## SAB tries something new:

### Bon Qui Qui visits NSU

Van Erikson  
Life Editor

"Where there is laughter there's a successful event," said Jackson McNeal, Rep at Large for the Student Activities Board.

SAB decided to try something new for one of the days for Homecoming week, so they spent a pretty penny on a big name act.

Anjelah Johnson, known for her character "Bon Qui Qui" and comedy skills on MAD TV, graced NSU with her presence on Thursday night in A.A. Fredricks Auditorium.

In order to bring Johnson down to Natchitoches, SAB paid \$18,500 overall to cover all ends of the deal.

Johnson even came prepared with her own act, her long time friend, to warm up the crowd for her.

SAB brought in the big name, but they didn't stop there.

They opened the doors of the event to not only students, but the public as well.

Commercials were aired on the radio and flyers were put in place everywhere on campus and around the town.

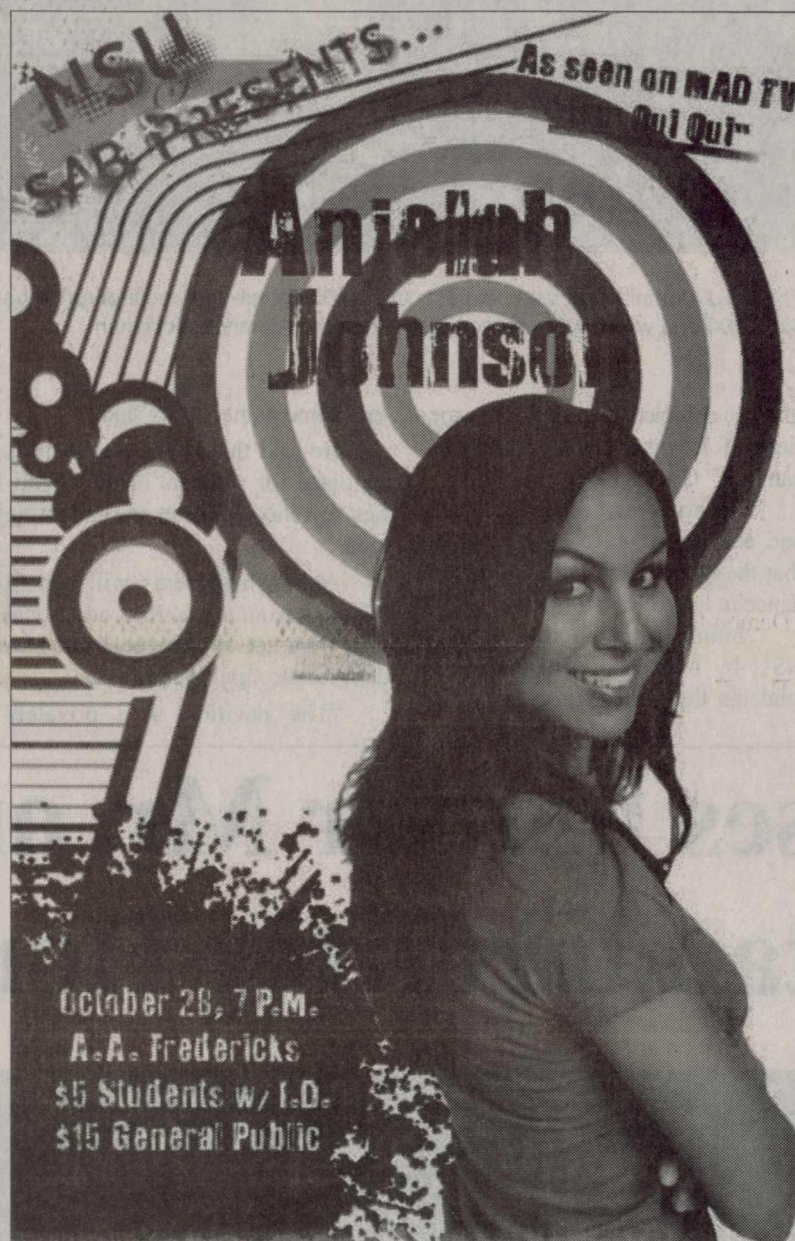
Sarah Broadway, executive rep at large, was in charge of planning not just this night, but Homecoming week in general.

"When I saw lines of people waiting before the doors open, I knew that this was going to be one of the biggest events that SAB has planned yet," said Broadway.

McNeal said he believes this is just one of the big events out of many that SAB has in store for the future of NSU.

With Homecoming week over and finished, SAB has students looking to the future for more big events.

Maybe the next stop is Vegas Night.



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Pictured above is the flyer that SAB used to promote Anjelah Johnson's show.

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# Letter to the fans:

Dear Demon Fans,



On behalf of YOUR Northwestern State University Demon football team, I want to say THANKS for giving us the support we got in Turpin Stadium last Saturday night at our Homecoming game.

You were the wind beneath our wings!

We won a very important game, 23-20 in double overtime, over a very quality opponent. Sam Houston State had won four of its last five games and was one play away from bringing a five-game winning streak to town.

They led the nation in quarterback sacks.

They got NONE against us.

That's just one of the many reasons I am proud of your football team – which is on a 3-game winning streak.

We had our best home crowd of the season in number (9,151) and even better, in intensity.

When we made a great play, you let us know you loved it.

When we needed a lift, you let us know you were behind us with your cheers of encouragement from both sides of the stadium.

The Spirit of Northwestern Band is awesome, second to none, and has been for years.

Saturday night, the student section was rocking like the old days when I was here coaching for Sam Goodwin and the Demons were win-

ning Southland Conference championships in 1997 and 1998.

Across the field, there was a lower deck filled with Demon fans who didn't hold back, either.

The cheerleaders and spirit groups were fantastic getting everybody up, and our players and our coaches loved it and lived by it.

With your support, we made the plays to win.

We are now in a three-way tie for first place with three games left to play, starting Saturday evening at 6 in Hammond against Southeastern.

I hope you can make the trip to see us play for you, but if not, listen on 100.7 KZBL.

Our last home game is Saturday week, Nov. 13, at 2 o'clock against Nicholls.

This will be the last Turpin Stadium game for our seniors, guys who have led us through so much and now have us on the brink of great things.

This could be the trigger to playing the next week at SFA for the Southland Conference championship.

It is on regional TV. Make your plans now to tailgate at Turpin Stadium and then be our 12<sup>th</sup> Man in the stands, so we can team up to keep the Demon Fever boiling and we all can go to Boogie on the Bricks downtown with proud smiles and a bounce in our step!

THANK YOU FOR STANDING BY US and CHEERING FOR US. It means the world to YOUR Demon football team.

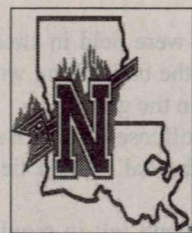
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# 'Fractals' review

Rachel Dahlem and Jake Potts  
Sauce Columnist



In "Fractals," NSU Senior Jeremy Jones presents several abstract landscapes that deviate from his traditionally cleaner and more precise style by introducing unique execution with an unrestrained sense of movement and fluidity.

In his two-dimensional works on paper, which comprise the majority of the works on display, Jones uses decidedly urban, modern execution to depict scenes of a rural nature, resulting in a meeting between industrialization and provinciality.

This contrast is a recurring theme in "Fractals" – in many pieces, Jones alludes to the corruption and contamination of our ecosystems, which evokes the sense of newfound uncertainty in presumed unwavering constants that a college senior may harbor upon his or her impending graduation.

Indeed, the fear of the unknown is a common sentiment among college students at any level; preconceived notions regarding our imminent departure into adult life are frequently challenged, values are

constantly tested.

Although many of us enter our first years of university with a picturesque landscape of the future painted in our minds, we soon find that the scene is full of impurities – uncertainty seems to climb around every tree, seep into every pond, loom in the atmosphere like heavy smog.

Jones' pieces encapsulate this feeling both in their pictorial content and execution.

In his works on paper, he uses a variety of mediums to depict his landscapes, from charcoal to oils to acrylics to coffee grounds, without his works losing cohesion or becoming overly hectic.

In each piece, he uses bold, compelling line work as the foundation for the images.

Heavy, energetic, black strokes sweep across the apparently aged pages, creating movement and evoking almost hyperbolic feelings of urgency, fear, and doubt.

The sharp corners and bold lines are reminiscent of graffiti, and possess a great deal of expressive quality.

Splashes of cool, effervescent hues provide a feeling of underlying, perhaps dormant, sense of serenity and stability.

His use of color provides both a sense of aesthetic and emotional balance in the images.

Though the fact that the majority of Jones' work features similar

subjects and execution could introduce a slight feeling of monotony in the exhibition, he punctuates the array of two-dimensional works on paper with the inclusion of a sculpture entitled *Fragmented Dream*.

Composed of several welded metal pieces arranged to look like an everglade, the individual elements are coated with oil paint, giving the piece a sheen and polish that is somewhat reminiscent of stained glass.

The use of vibrant greens and yellows in the depiction of the foliage is powerful and striking, conjuring images of a lush, fertile wooded area, while the negative spaces between the biomorphic shapes allude to the aforementioned desecration of previously uncorrupted wildlife.

It is a very advantageous addition to the exhibition, providing a striking example of the artist's range.

"Fractals," while perhaps not representative of Jones' body of work, is very indicative of his ingenuity and enthusiasm for art.

The content is visually pleasing, innovative, and culturally relevant in its subject matter and sentiment.

Though Jones displays themes of doubt and uncertainty in show, his work demonstrates a level of skill and eagerness that will undoubtedly result in a very prosperous and reputable career in the arts.

"Fractals" will be on display in CAPA's Gallery 2.

# Unity in tailgating

Zach McLendon  
Sauce Columnist



The sounds of sizzling grills and Johnny Earthquake and the Moon-dogs echoed throughout

campus, as smiling faces clustered around purple tents and parked RVs.

Older alumni, half drunk with nostalgia, expressed their concerns for the game, as a younger generation tossed around footballs pretending to be their favorite players.

The atmosphere was electric. The perfect combination of excitement and anticipation, as well mixed as the drink that occupied my hand.

There is something about tail-

gating that has always set my blood astir.

I have often wondered what it is about this marvelous tradition that I find to be so captivating.

Well last Saturday, at the Sam Houston tailgate, I think I finally found my answer: Unity.

During the week, we tend to become divided due to our own personal responsibilities.

They could be anything from Greek life to band practice, from studying for a test to starting up a career.

But when Saturday comes around, we push those responsibilities to the side, put on our finest NSU gear, and head towards the stadium ready to have a couple of beers and a few laughs before our boys take the field.

For those few brief hours, we are all connected by some unbreakable bond, a universal understanding that we are all there for the same rea-

son, all hoping for the same victorious outcome.

We are no longer just busy Greeks, or cramming students, or career driven alumni.

We are Demons.

And in that precious link of time, our campus comes alive with one magnificent heartbeat.

Some of you know exactly what I am talking about, and others probably think that what I am saying is absolutely ridiculous, but that's ok.

I truly believe that tailgating is something really special, and that everyone should experience it.

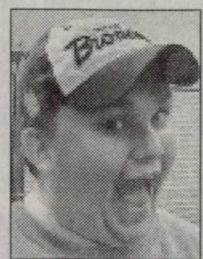
And when the tents and grills are put away, and The Moon-dogs pack up their gear, and the RVs hit the road, they leave behind a lingering spark that will ignite next Saturday.

It gives us all something to look forward to.

And that in itself makes tailgating something extraordinary

# BS'in with the Bull: Thanksgiving is near

Andy Bullard  
Opinion Editor



this month about Thanksgiving.

So this year, you agreed to cook the big family Thanksgiving dinner. Congratulations!

You idiot!

No, seriously, hosting Thanksgiving dinner does NOT have to be traumatic.

The key is planning.

For example, every year my family spends Thanksgiving at home, and my mom cooks dinner for a huge number of people.

I can't give an exact figure, because my eyeballs become fogged with gravy.

But I'm pretty sure she is feeding several branches of the armed forces.

Now, its not like my mom is slapping just any old food on the table, either.

She's a gourmet cook who can make anything.

I bet she has a recipe for cold fusion.

She serves moist, tender turkeys the size of a toddler, accompanied by a vast array of exotic appetizers and 350 kinds of sweet potatoes made from scratch.

If you were to look into our dining room at the end of Thanksgiving dinner, it would at first appear to be empty.

Then you'd hear groans and burps coming from under the table, and you'd realize that the guests, no longer able to cope with the food and

gravity at the same time, were lying on the floor.

Every now and then you'd see a hand snake up over the edge of the table, grab a handful of stuffing, then dart back under the table again, after which you'd hear chewing, then swallowing, then the sound of digestive organs rupturing.

The question is: How is my mom able to prepare such an amazing feast for so many people?

The answer is simple: I have no idea.

I'm always watching football when it happens.

But my point is that, if you want to provide your Thanksgiving guests with a delicious home-cooked meal, one approach would be to come home with me and steal some of my mom's food when she's busy churning the butter.

She'd never notice.

She has enough leftovers to make turkey sandwiches that would end world hunger for a couple weeks.

Now that you see how my mom does it, it's time for you to get to your Thanksgiving dinner together.

Remember to plan, and I'll help.

The first step is to calculate how much turkey you need.

Now after doing extensive research on the Internet (five minutes) it tell us that the average 155-pound person consumes 1.5 pounds of turkey.

So if you're planning to have eight relatives for dinner, you'd simply multiply eight times 1.5 times 155, which means your turkey should weigh, 2,325 pounds.

If you can't find a turkey that size, you should call up selected relatives and explain to them, in a sensitive and diplomatic manner, that they can't come because they weigh too much.

Your best option for getting a bird is to get a frozen turkey at the

supermarket.

The Turkey Manufacturers Association (totally made that up) recommends that, before you purchase a frozen bird, you check it for firmness by test-dropping it on the supermarket floor.

First, it should bounce three vertical inches per pound, or break the supermarket floor.

Then you will need to take a core sample of the breast by drilling into it with a two-inch masonry bit until you strike the giblets.

If supermarket employees attempt to question you, the Turkey Manufacturers Association recommends that you gesture at them with the drill in a reassuring manner.

When you get the turkey home, you should thaw it completely by letting it sit on a standard kitchen counter at room temperature for one half of the turkey's weight in hours, or roughly 19 weeks.

If spiders have nested in your turkey then that means it's almost ready.

Once the turkey is defrosted, you simply cook it in a standard household oven at 138.4 degrees for 27 minutes per pound.

Also, don't forget to inspect the turkey regularly as it cooks; when you notice that the skin has started to blister, the time has come for you to give your guests the message they've been eagerly awaiting: "Run!"

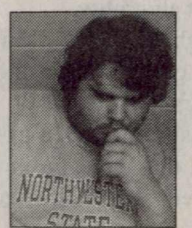
Because you left the plastic wrapper on the turkey, and it's about to explode, spewing out flaming salmonella units at the speed of sound. As you stand outside waiting for the fire trucks, you should take a moment to count your blessings.

The main one, of course, is that you will definitely NOT be asked to cook Thanksgiving dinner next year.

Or you could just do like I do and let mom cook every year, it's really up to you.

# Half the Battle: Chinese mandates and politics

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist



In ancient Chinese political science, there is a concept referred to commonly as the Mandate of Heaven.

This mandate established the legitimacy of the dynasty and government.

According to Moss Roberts, professor of Chinese at New York University, the Mandate of Heaven "finds" a man of virtue who establishes a new dynasty."

In his translation of "Three Kingdoms," he explains that the mandate "comes to the fore in times of transition" and is "a concept less active in times of stability."

However, Roberts adds, "it is always a useful reminder to the ruler of the penalty for misgovernment."

Why, though, am I giving you a history lesson on ancient Chinese political science?

Well, if you listen to the pundits this election cycle, many are saying that the Democrats "misread their mandate."

What exactly was their mandate? Well, they saw their sweep of the federal government as the American people wanting to be rid of the Republican party.

They swept Bush under the rug (only to use him whenever they wanted to explain why things weren't fixed), and they ignored the fact that Congress holds a bit more power than the president.

Which is relevant to the discussion because the Democrats had a nice hold of Congress since 2006.

They saw their mandate as getting rid of the Republican party and conservatism.

Well, Bush may have been a social conservative, but, spending-wise, I don't think many people would disagree he was liberal.

They misread what we as a nation wanted.

As a result, we look at today and see the Republicans taking hold of Congress and the Democratic party

on a decline.

The Mandate of Heaven punished them for their misgovernment.

However, the Republicans are in danger of the exact same thing.

It's what led to their departure in 2006.

If anything, the mandate of both parties should be that the citizens who gave them power can, as the saying goes, taketh away.

The Republicans should be keenly aware of the fact that many of their own fell in primaries to new candidates who ran on platforms of taking Congress back.

Not taking Congress back from a party, but from professional politicians who sits in D.C. and listen to nothing we, the people who hired them, say.

Hopefully, when you pulled the lever, so to speak, you voted for someone you thought would listen to what you wanted, Democratic or Republican.

If you didn't, you are part of the problem. This country is run by us.

Not by a handful of politicians on the take from corporations.

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-The Current Sauce staff



# Demons win 23-20 in overtime thriller

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

It took four quarters and two overtime periods to decide the fate of the Demons in a 23-20 overtime win over the Sam Houston State University Bearkats, Saturday night at Turpin Stadium.

The win leapfrogs the Demons right into a three-way tie with Stephen F. Austin and McNeese State University for first place with three games remaining.

Sam Houston drew first blood after Bearkat kicker Miguel Antonio topped off a seven play, 45 yard drive with a 38 yard field goal.

That field goal was the longest made field goal in Antonio's career.

The Demons struck back quickly with two scores in seven minutes. NSU kicker Jon Shaughnessy nailed a 27 yarder that ended an eight play, 78 yard drive lead by true sophomore quarterback Paul Harris.

The next Demon drive came after the halftime break, and it lead to more points, this time a touchdown.

NSU covered 92 yards in 10 plays thanks to arm of Harris.

Harris topped off the drive with a five-yard pass to teammate and roommate Bradley Brown to bring the score to 10-3 barring the PAT by Shaughnessy.

"We wanted to challenge the receivers," Harris said. "We told them that they have to play well and chal-

lenge me too.

"They answered the call and was good targets for me all night."

The lead would diminish once again after the ensuing Bearkat drive.

SHSU quarterback Brian Bell completed a 29-yard pass to Ryan Wilson and rushed for 21 yards to get inside of the Demons' redzone.

Two plays later, Bell threw a short pass for a touchdown to Seth Patterson.

For the remaining minutes of the third quarter, the Demons had ample opportunity to break the game open thanks to a stingy defense and effective offense.

With 3:20 left in the quarter, NSU moved the ball the three yard-line of SHSU in four plays.

A fourth-and-one run play up the middle was stopped for loss to cause a turnover on downs.

The Purple swarm Defense gave the Demon offense another chance after a quick three-and-out, but this drive saw similar fate.

Harris and NSU runningback D.J. Palmer combined to make a good pass-run combo that kept the SHSU defense off balanced.

In the five plays, the Demons moved 33 yards but a first-and-goal run resulted in a fumble recovery for the Bearkats.

"We let a few points slip away," Harris said.

"The defense did a great job at

stopping the Bearkats from scoring. They had our backs all year long."

The fourth quarter was a defensive struggle.

Both teams were held in check until SHSU got the ball rolling with 6:24 remaining in the game.

The option offense lead by Bell helped moved the ball within field goal range.

With 3.5 second left in regulation, Miguel march on the field for a game-winning field goal.

After three Demon timeouts, he finally attempted the field goal but hooked it wide left. The miss sent the game into overtime.

"I was glad we froze him," Demon's second-year head coach Dale Peveto said. "It was a gift from God, it really was."

"The guy's a good kicker and it kept us in the game."

The Demons took the field on offense first.

It didn't take long for NSU to score.

On the third play, Harris threw to true freshman receiver Louis Hollier.

Hollier caught the sideline pass and broke a sure tackle before turning on the jets to score a touchdown.

The Bearkats answered the Demons with a score of their own, but the Demons ended the game the next time they took the field.

On third down of the Demon's next overtime possession, Harris

rolled out to his left, looking to the flats, but decided to take it in for the winning touchdown.

Senior defensive captain Yaser Elqutub said this game meant a lot to him for two primary reasons.

First, it was Homecoming and he was awarded the honor of Mr. NSU.

Additionally, he said he felt like he had something to prove to the coaches that were on the opposing sideline that night, particularly former NSU head coach Scott Stoker.

"For me, it was bit of a personal game," Elqutub said.

"Stoker and Beasley were coaches when I came and they never gave me a chance.

"They called me out and said that I would never play college football. I'll never be good enough."

The Demons next game is this Saturday.

NSU visits SELU in Hammond, La.

The following week, the Demons will return home for the last home game of the season.

"It's a three-game season and we control our own destiny to win a championship," Peveto said.

"There's a lot of work to get done and it all comes down to this week and how we compete Saturday night in Hammond against Southeastern Louisiana."

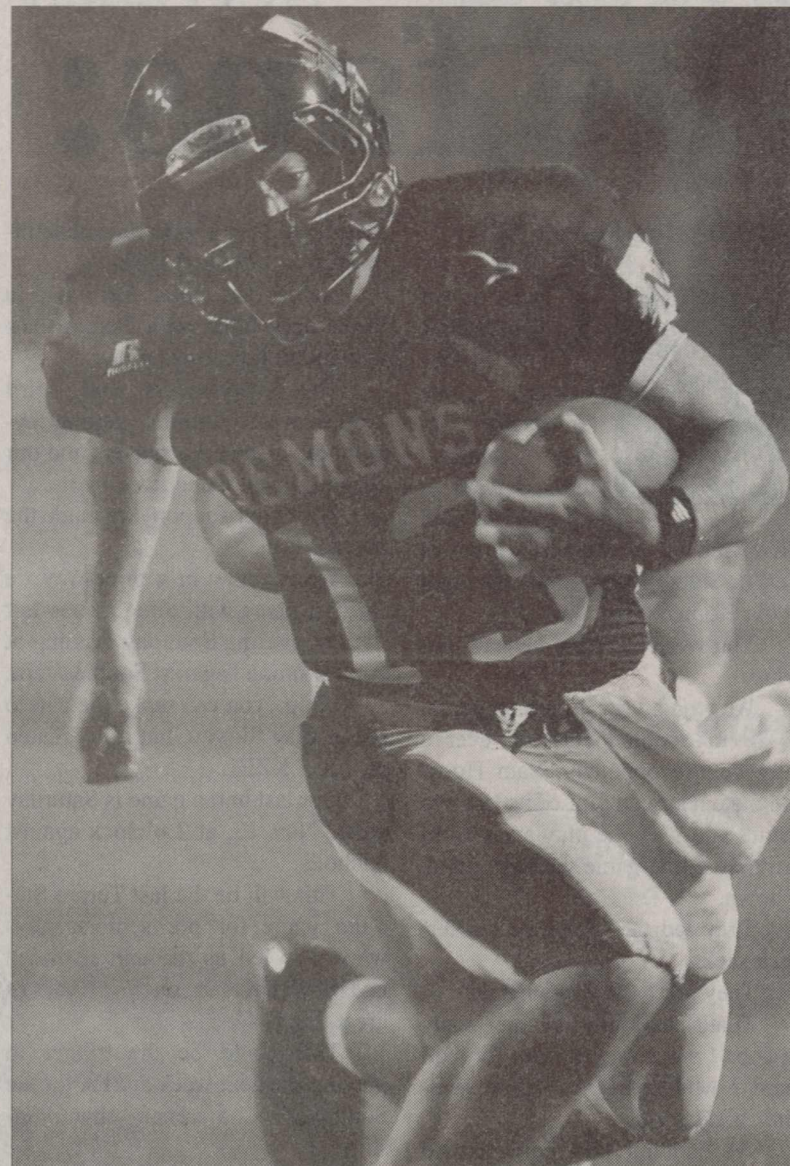


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demon quarterback Paul Harris sprints in for the winning touchdown. The Demons beat the Bearkats 23-20 in a double overtime thriller.

## Demons Soccer lose key game

Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student

The Lady Demon soccer team kept their post season hopes alive after a 1-0 win over Nicholls State.

But in order to advance to the postseason, the Demons needed to get a win against the Lady Lions of Southeastern, who have roared through the competition this season earning an overall record of 13-2-3 and a 6-1-1 Southland conference record.

The Demons also needed help from a few other schools, namely Nicholls State with a win against UCA, to give the Demons the sixth and final tournament seed.

The Lady Lions got on the scoreboard with a goal by Karly Daggys in the 31<sup>st</sup> minute of the match and took a 1-0 lead over the visiting team into the break.

The Demons were able to hold off the Southeastern attack, but failed to produce any scoring of their own, and in the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute of play, the Lady Lions were once again able to find the back of the net with a strike from Maiya Cooper, who claimed her 10<sup>th</sup> goal of the season.

Natalie Santana iced the game for Southeastern with her 82<sup>nd</sup> minute finish that expanded the lead to 3-0, securing a Demon defeat and a regular season Southland Conference championship.

Along with the title of regular



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Freshman Pippi Haase will look to lead the team next season. Haase will be one of many returning freshmen on the Demon Soccer team

season champ, the Lady Lions will head into postseason play as the number one seed and the favorite to bring home the SLC tournament championship.

For the Demons, there will be no more soccer this season as their loss in Hammond knocked them

from tournament eligibility.

On the bright side, NSU only has three senior players that will be departing after graduation.

The Demons also return a team full of freshmen that gained a multitude of experience over this past season.

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## Demons prepare for 'NSU Challenge' against Nicholls: Team battles to keep hunt for Southland Conference title alive

**Jimmie Walker**  
*Sports Editor*

The Demon football team entered Hammond, La. with guns a blazing Saturday, but its final test to determine a potential contention for the Southland Conference Championship will be this Saturday, Nov. 13.

NSU plays host to Nicholls State University for the 17<sup>th</sup> "NSU Challenge" and the Demon's final home game of the season, 2 p.m. at Turpin Stadium.

If the Demons win, all that stands between NSU and a Southland Conference crown will be rival Stephen F. Austin.

"The key will be to focus on the task at hand," sophomore linebacker Derek Rose said.

"We control our destiny."

Last week, the Demons beat a veteran Southeastern Louisiana University team 35-16 on the road while Demon rival, Stephen F. Austin, demolished the Nicholls State Colonels 48-13.

The Demons are on a four-game winning streak, with an overall record of 5-4 and a conference record of 4-1.

NSU ranks second in Division 1 among most improved teams from 2009.

"We've gone from worst, 0-11 last year, to first and we're one game

away from being able to play for a championship, and it feels great," Demon quarterback Paul Harris said.

The Colonels' record is not as glossy. Nicholls State overall record is 2-7. The Colonels' conference record is 1-4, and the team is on a three-game losing streak.

"We know that we are solid, but we will not underestimate what Nicholls has," Rose said.

"We are not going to be big headed and think we have this one in the bag. Our approach this whole year has been every game is a big one because it is the next game."

Northwestern State has the overall winning record in the 37-year-old series with 23-14, but recent victories have gone to Nicholls.

The Colonels have won the last five of seven meetings including a 28-21 matchup last year in Thibodaux, La.

The Demons are 14-4 against the Colonels in Natchitoches, and the last time the Demons won the "NSU Challenge" was two years ago with a 38-26 victory.

"We have a playoff-type mentality," second-year Demon head coach Bradley Dale Peveto said.

"If we want a chance at the conference championship, we have to win. The stakes are very high right now, and it's a two-game season with a must-win here Saturday afternoon against Nicholls."



Photo by ShaRhonda Williams/ The Current Sauce  
Junior tight end Justin Aldredge carries the ball in NSU's 35-16 win against Southeastern Louisiana University. The Demons control its own future for the remaining two games to be Southland Conference Champions.

## Daniels vetos Mr. and Miss NSU bill

**David Royal**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Student Government Association President Mark Daniels vetoed the controversial bill that would raise the academic and leadership requirements for Mr. and Miss NSU candidates on Monday.

Daniels said he based his decision on the lack of clarity within the language of the bill and the lack of knowledge of whether the Senate had the support of the student body.

"There were lose ends with the bills that weren't resolved before the vote," Daniels said. "The Senate also failed to get an accurate under-

standing of what the students actually want."

This is the first bill Daniels has vetoed as president and the first bill to be vetoed since last academic year.

Daniels said he would support the bill only if the Senate finds evidence that a large portion of the student body wants change.

"I want to see official, proper survey techniques used to find out what the students really think," he said.

Co-authors of the bill, Candace Bostic and Keenan Brown researched what the students wanted when writing the bills for Mr. and

Miss NSU and Homecoming Court, but Daniels said he was not pleased with their technique.

Bostic and Brown gathered over 100 student signatures who supported the bills, but did not get a good idea of how many students do not support the issue or for what reasons in Daniels's opinion.

He said he wants a survey sent to students that allows them to express their ideas and solutions for the issue, not just one side of the issue.

In terms of the language of the bill not being clear enough, Daniels said the proposed bill did not answer enough questions of what the SGA

Adviser's role will be.

He explained that the only thing the bill really stated was that candidates would be required to turn in a resume to the SGA Adviser – currently Yonna Pasch – and then the adviser would decide if the candidate is worthy of the honor.

Daniels said more details need to be clarified before he would give the bill his approval.

"I feel the Senate focused more on raising the GPA, instead of the overall impact of the bill," he said.

For the rest of this story, check out [www.thecurrentsauce.com](http://www.thecurrentsauce.com)

## Former students earn degree with Project Win-Win

**Ty Johnson**  
*Staff Reporter*

NSU's participation in Project Win-Win earned the university a spot in last week's secondary learning publication, Chronicle of Higher Education.

Project Win-Win allows universities to view the records of students who left school after earning 60 or more hours and provides an opportunity for them to earn an associate degree.

Lillie Bell, university registrar, said her office examines the former students' situation and determines if they have not received a degree at another institution, then they are eligible to receive a final transcript analysis and an associate degree.

Bell said NSU contacted nearly 800 former students who were eligible or close to obtaining an associate degree.

Only 300 of the 768 letters sent to former students were returned, so NSU officials decided to utilize other means.

They began to contact students by phone and promoted NSU's Project Win-Win on the university's Facebook page and in the media.

Bell said the former students were excited about the opportunity

to earn a degree.

"When word got out about the program, the phones began ringing," Bell said.

Steve Horton, dean of College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, said the program is a great way to get former students to reconsider furthering their education again, considering how important it is to get a job.

In May, two former students earned degrees and over 200 summer and fall graduates will be able to participate in Fall Commencement Exercises in December.

An additional 99 students will be able to receive a degree after they have applied for graduation.

"Many students who earned associate degrees through Project Win-Win have re-enrolled in Northwestern and are working towards bachelor's degrees," Bell said.

"We're hoping more students will do the same."

NSU, along with 35 other four-year universities and community colleges in six states, opted to participate in Project Win-Win.

The project is a cooperative program of the Institute for Higher Education Policy, State Higher Education Executive Officers and the Lumina Foundation for Education.

## Natchitoches Parish Update

**Joe Cunningham**  
*Staff Columnist*

Nearly 35 percent of Natchitoches Parish voters turned out Nov. 2 to vote on a senator, representative, state constitutional amendments and a local tax.

The tax, a half-cent sales tax that would be dedicated to the criminal court system, failed on Tuesday. Members of the parish government have been worried about the tax not passing, as it brings uncertainty about the future of the criminal justice system in the parish. Garnering 62 percent of the vote, 5,327 voters were against the proposition, versus the 3,247 who were for the tax.

There were two campaigns statewide that also got voters out. The first was the Lt. Governor's race. Caroline Fayard, who began in August as a virtual unknown in Louisiana politics, ran against Louisiana's secretary of state Jay Dardenne for the spot. Fayard came close to winning in Natchitoches Parish, falling 48 percent to Dardenne's 52 percent. Statewide, however, the margin was greater. Dardenne got 57 percent of the votes cast.

There were also 10 state constitutional amendments on the ballot. Parish

voters approved seven of the 10 amendments. Statewide, eight of 10 were approved, the extra passage being amendment eight. That eighth amendment, however, ended up being passed by 30,000 of the more than 1 million that voted.

Representative Rick Nowlin told KNOC news on Thursday that he felt good about the passage of amendment two, which would bring more tax revenue to the parish in the coming years, especially if the Haynesville Shale operations began opening up within the parish.

Natchitoches Parish also voted in the race for U.S. senator and fourth Congressional district representative. Republican incumbents David Vitter and John Fleming kept their seats. Vitter, running to keep his seat as U.S. senator, received 53 percent of the parish vote, 57 statewide. John Fleming, the U.S. representative in the fourth Congressional district, received 60 percent of the parish vote, 62 statewide.

Natchitoches Parish had roughly 35 percent voter turnout, 8 percent less than the statewide turnout of around 43 percent.

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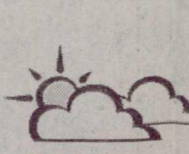
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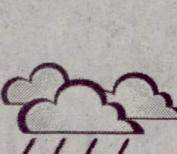
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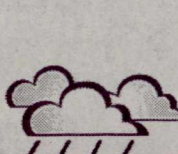
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## Students save animals one microchip at a time

ShaRhonda Williams  
Practicum Student

Just as it is important for you to have an identification card, it is important for your pets to have a microchip.

The Veterinary Technology Club of NSU had a microchip fundraiser on Friday in Bienvenu Hall to raise money for the needy animals in the community.

The purpose of the microchip fundraiser was to help feed, medicate and care for the animals housed on campus, along with other animals in the community, Jessica Hudspeth, RVT of the NSU Veterinary Technology Program, said.

Microchips are designed to identify a pet that has been lost and can even assist in settling an ownership dispute of a stolen animal.

"Pets can be unpredictable, and in the event your pet gets lost or runs away, the pet can be identified with the microchip and returned to their loving homes," Hudspeth explained.

Hudspeth explains that the microchip and lifetime registration is \$35 and she will help complete the

registration.

She added that the pet will be registered with in the AKC database and the pet owner will receive a tag in the mail that goes on the pet's collar.

The microchip is about the width of a grain of rice and a longer than half of a centimeter.

As for as the implantation of the device, it is a simple injection between the shoulder blades on the pet's backs, which takes only a few seconds to perform.

Hudspeth explains that the injection does not cause harm or pain to the animal. She says that the pain is minor and usually the pet does not seem to mind the injection.

She adds that for the best response and safety of the animal, pet owners will not be allowed with their pet during the injection.

"The pets respond to staff and students better without their owner's present and it makes the students more comfortable in their abilities to hold the animal without the owner present," Hudspeth said.

"While they [the pet owners] are doing that [completing registration], we will take the pet into the

adjacent clinic room and place the microchip," Hudspeth explains.

"Then, we will bring the pet back into the room and demonstrate how the microchip and scanner works."

Although microchips can be placed many species, the Veterinary Technology Club of NSU will only microchip cats and dogs.

Hudspeth adds that other species can be micro chipped at other facilities that offer the services.

Although it is too soon to set a date, any pet owner that missed the fall microchip fundraiser can expect the next microchip fundraiser in the spring semester of 2011.

The fundraiser is not limited to student pet owners, the microchip fundraiser will always be opened to students, faculty, staff and pet owners in the community that desire for their pets to receive a microchip.

For more information on microchips or to donate to The Veterinary Technology Club, contact Jessica Hudspeth, RVT of the NSU Veterinary Technology Program at 318-357-4316 or e-mail at hudspethj@nsula.edu.

## Campus Living Villages collects cans for holidays

Chasity Taylor  
Practicum Student

Campus Living Villages tried to make sure families in the community and other parts of Louisiana do not go hungry this holiday season by holding a can food drive.

CLV succeeded in collecting over 6,000 canned food items.

Half of the cans collected will be going to the Natchitoches Fire Department to give to families in Natchitoches parish while the other half will go to an orphanage in Monroe, La.

The project is put on every year by CLV as apart of the Student Per-

sonnel Service 2000 class the residential assistants for the dorms here on campus are required to take.

Junior education major Erica Thomas is a RA for Campus Living Villages and said she enjoyed taking part in the service project.

"I feel like we are helping the community, and at the end of the day I can say that I work for people who really have everyone's best interest in mind," Thomas said.

CLV has worked and continues to work to make sure that students get everything they need to make their time living on campus a breeze.

Junior journalism major Tiffany Hall said she appreciates everything CLV's RAs do and said she thought

it was a nice thing for CLV to give back to the community.

"I feel that it is always a good thing to help the community, and by doing this, those who run CLV are setting the stage for others to follow," Hall added.

Senior education major Nikki Taylor agreed with Hall and said it was a good gesture for CLV to do something for the community.

"I do still live on campus, and whenever I need my RA he is there," said Taylor.

"CLV doing this food drive on campus proves to everyone that the university does care and helping those in need is what really matters," Taylor said.

## AAC raises \$200 for NCHS band

Ty Johnson  
Staff Writer

The African American Caucus held its first Save the Music benefit concert in an effort to raise funds for the Natchitoches Central High marching band.

The concert offered diverse selection of music from different genres such as gospel, opera, R&B and jazz.

Sophomore business major and AAC member Brandon Blake said putting on the concert hit home for him. It was more than just a fundraiser.

"It was a good feeling knowing that I helped my old high school," Blake said.

"It felt good to give back."

Blake co-hosted the show, "One Night. One Sound. One Cause." with Ursula Theus.

AAC raised over \$200 for the marching band to aid them in purchasing new instruments.

Despite the turnout not being what he expected, Blake said he still accomplished what he came to do; celebrate music and raise funds for his old high school band.

"It was very important and personal to me," Blake said.

"I remember what it was like when I was in that music program."

Sophomore communications major Jasmine Radford wowed the crowd with her opera selection that she sung in Italian - one of the three languages that she can sing in.

"I did it out the kindness of my heart," Radford said.

"I was in the band in high school. I know what its like to not have the funds to go places. I don't mind donating."

The piece she performed was one of the first songs she learned in Italian.

Radford, a New Orleans native, began her classical training after migrating from her home to Texas after Hurricane Katrina.

"Music grounded me throughout my life," Radford. "It's everything to me."

Senior theatre major David Sylvester had the same testimony.

"Music has always put me in a positive direction," Sylvester said.

"If it wasn't for my high school music program, I may be another statistic."

Sylvester said music has been

and still is a motivator in his life.

He sang along with the Lifted Voices Gospel Choir and he performed two solo pieces that he wrote himself.

"It's not about me, I want someone to be touched by my music," Sylvester said.

He said he sings with an understanding the meaning of his words and with the desire for someone to be touched spiritually.

"I put my heart in it," Sylvester said.

"I believe the song I sung about Heaven was received really well."

Sylvester was not the only artist that desired to promote the gospel.

Michael Walters, Lifted Voices member, much like Sylvester, shared a love for music and Christianity.

"Kids love music and I believe they should have the opportunity to do music," Walters said.

"They shouldn't be limited because of funds. I'll do anything to help."

Walter said his moments on stage are nothing like a show to him.

"I wouldn't call it a performance, I take it more seriously; I call it a ministry," Walters said.

"I'm not just making music; anybody can make music. I'm ministering to somebody."

Walters said he views music as an outlet through out his life.

"It's like a release," Walters said.

"It takes you to another place especially when you have God in your life. It takes you to another realm in God."

Walters hopes that the audience enjoyed the music, but most importantly receive the message the song conveyed.

It's an honor to produce God's music, Walters said.

"People love gospel music because it heals, it touches and it bring people through," Walters said.

Senior electrical engineering major and AAC President Marcus Sanders said the concert was a success and it ran smoothly as he expected.

AAC has more events planned for the future.

Students can expect an art exhibit titled, "Runaway: The Escape to Higher Culture in Black America" next spring.

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## Reminder:

**Native American Cultural Association is hosting Poetry Night**

Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.

President's Room in Friedman Student Union

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# BS'in with the Bull: Half the Battle: Unthanksgiving

Andy Bullard  
Opinion Column



grateful for in my life.

I get annoyed when people act like you have to be thankful for every mundane thing just because some pilgrims, which I'm probably related to, came to America and had dinner with some Indians. At least, that's what they say happened.

So, in the anti-spirit of Thanksgiving, let me list some of the things that do not inspire in me any sense of thankfulness.

I'm not thankful for airports.

I mean what is there to like about planes. Really the only thing to like is the fact that you don't crash.

Have you seen the people at an airport?

They all look like sheep being led to slaughter. Then, you have the weirdos on planes.

I've started wearing my sunglasses through the entire flight just so people don't try to strike up awkward conversations with me about my sandwich choices.

I am not thankful for the amount of projects, papers and ridiculous homework I will have due right after the Thanksgiving break is over.

I really don't care about anything over Thanksgiving break except for how much turkey and stuffing and everything else I can fit in my stomach.

I am not thankful that every year I get sick two days before Thanksgiving and might be unable to taste the turkey by the time it rolls around.

I'm not thankful for the BCS.

This should be obvious. I'm not thankful for a system that brings about more problems than it solves.

Plus, I don't like the fact that computers are so involved with the whole system.

I am not thankful for canned cranberry sauce.

Whose idea was that?

How do you even eat that?

Dip the turkey in it?

It's like solid ketchup or something. Gross.

I am not thankful for the immense amount of ironing I will have to do for my mom to make the Thanksgiving-themed napkins, tablecloths and place mats presentable.

I'm not thankful that I have to write this column.

Have you ever tried finding something new to say about Thanksgiving?

It was old news to the Founding Fathers.

It's not easy to bring a fresh perspective to the discussion.

OK, I'm exaggerating. There are so many things for which I am incredibly thankful.

I'm graduating in May, I have a

great family and I am happy with my life.

But I do wish that Thanksgiving was less about a forced feeling of thankfulness and more about genuinely feeling grateful for what we do have.

Thanksgiving isn't happy for everyone.

For those who have lost people close to them or those who are spending the holiday alone, Thanksgiving can serve as a reminder of what is missing instead of a cause for celebration.

This Thanksgiving, I'll be thankful for the things I have. But I'll be honest about the things I can't be grateful for.

I imagine that even the Pilgrims saw their Thanksgiving as bitter-sweet.

They were celebrating their first harvest, but they had all left their homeland and seen members of their community die in the process.

You don't have to be thankful for the bad economy. You don't have to be happy about spending all day in traffic gridlock.

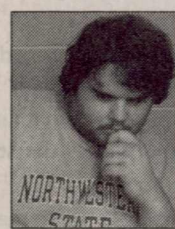
You might not even be excited about having to spend half a week with your extended family.

There's nothing wrong with that.

I've come to believe that having a thankful spirit is about giving thanks for a few things rather than putting a smile on and listing the top 10 things you're thankful for this year at dinner.

And I really do hate that cranberry sauce.

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist



A butterfly?

Did you want to be a singer or an actor?

Perhaps a librarian or teacher? Regardless of what you wanted to be, it was your goal.

Your dream.

Your ambition.

It was everything you wanted and, by God, you were going to do it.

Your parents were there during your childhood.

Your mom, your dad and your Grandparents maybe, but it was someone who cared for you deeply.

They guided you as a child onto the path you were destined to take.

Then, you got older. Life happens. You move from childhood to the rollercoaster that is being a teenager.

You hate your parents. You hate your school. You want to be out of their control as soon as possible.

High school is insane and you are fairly certain you are losing your

grip on reality as life begins to move faster and faster.

Then, it stops. You're now in college. The possibilities are endless.

But, you don't want to be a fireman, an astronaut or a butterfly.

You want a grown-up job like physical trainer or accountant.

You need to take classes that train you for the life you think you want to lead.

And why are you taking these classes? Why are you choosing this profession?

Your parents. Your school. They helped you get here.

To this exact moment. Maybe they were on to something.

Somewhere along the way that disapproval you had for your parents goes away as everything they told you starts making sense.

The life lessons.

The moral guidance.

It's not so... what would you have called it in high school?

Then again, the world is a much different place for college kids than high school kids.

In high school, you hate the world.

In college, you realize the world hates you.

Tick tock. The minutes. The classes.

The semesters go by. You graduate.

Apply for grad school or get a job?

All of a sudden, you are your own product.

You have to sell yourself to your employer or your graduate school of choice.

So, what is life after college?

Marriage?

Children?

A six-figure job?

That's up for you to decide. So, why am I saying all of this?

I stayed up all night recently trying to remember what I wanted to be when I grew up.

And, my parents were right.

No matter what I wanted to do, whether it was to be a journalist or a professional wrestler with the stage name "Mr. Fuzzy," I had to work hard at it.

This entire column stems from a conversation I had with my father in recent years.

We were having a normal conversation and, right in the middle, I said "Holy crap! It all makes sense now!"

If you haven't had that moment with your parents yet, don't worry. It'll come soon.

And, when it does, thank them.

In case you were wondering, I didn't go into the wrestling business.

I don't think beating someone with a steel chair would make up for having to grope big, sweaty men.

## When is perfect not good enough?

Andy Bullard  
Opinion Editor



I loath injustice.

And there is a huge injustice/cold reality with five games remaining in the 2010 college football regular season: Boise State could finish the year undefeated — and uninvited to the Bowl Championship Series.

That's right.

The 12-0 Broncos might spend their postseason preparing to play 6-6 California in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl in San Francisco on Jan. 9, a night before the BCS National Championship Game.

As long as TCU remains ahead of Boise State in the BCS standings (the No. 3 Horned Frogs passed the fourth-ranked Broncos a week ago) the possibility of being left out of a spot in one of the five biggest bowl games is a real one.

Yes, I said that last year, too.

And if Texas hadn't gotten an additional second added to the clock against Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship Game, the Broncos

would have been left out of the BCS. Perhaps that's reason enough to believe it will work out this year as well.

But remember in 2008, the Broncos were undefeated and lower-ranked Ohio State got picked instead.

A similar fate could await the Broncos in December if they can't get ahead of TCU in the BCS standings.

There are 10 spots in the BCS. Six go to the champions of the automatic qualifying conferences, no matter how bad the champion is.

I'm looking at you Big East.

The highest-ranked non-AQ is guaranteed a spot this season, given the lofty ranking of the Horned Frogs, Broncos and Utah Utes.

That leaves three at-large spots. You can write one in for the SEC, the best conference in the country.

The Big Ten and Big 12 will certainly have eligible and attractive candidates.

Even the Pac-10, which can make a case as the nation's No. 2 league, should have an attractive option in Stanford.

That means Boise State could be competing with the likes of Wisconsin, Michigan State or Ohio State, Oklahoma or Nebraska and Stanford for two spots in the BCS.

Further working against the Broncos is the selection order. After

bowl games that lose the No. 1 and No. 2 teams have made their selections, the Sugar will select, followed by the Orange and finally the Fiesta.

The Fiesta Bowl, the most likely to desire Boise State, will probably be stuck with the Big East champ.

In four of the last six years, the Big East winner has been the final selection. The Orange Bowl is unlikely to want the Broncos, given the distance between Boise and Miami.

Virginia Tech could be the ACC representative in the bowl, further discouraging a Boise State selection.

That means the Sugar Bowl could control the Broncos' fate. Write in the second SEC team (Auburn, Alabama or LSU) here.

Does the Sugar Bowl, which has hosted Utah and Hawaii in recent years, or the SEC want to provide a landing spot for Boise State?

The answer to that question will determine Boise State's fate as long as the Broncos remain behind TCU.

There is time for the system, however flawed, to work out in the Broncos' favor.

But it is not certain, despite the Broncos' lofty ranking and season-long attention.

Boise State could be left out while Oklahoma, Oregon, TCU and Virginia Tech (the Broncos' biggest victims in the last four years) all make it.

Winning all of their games might not be enough.

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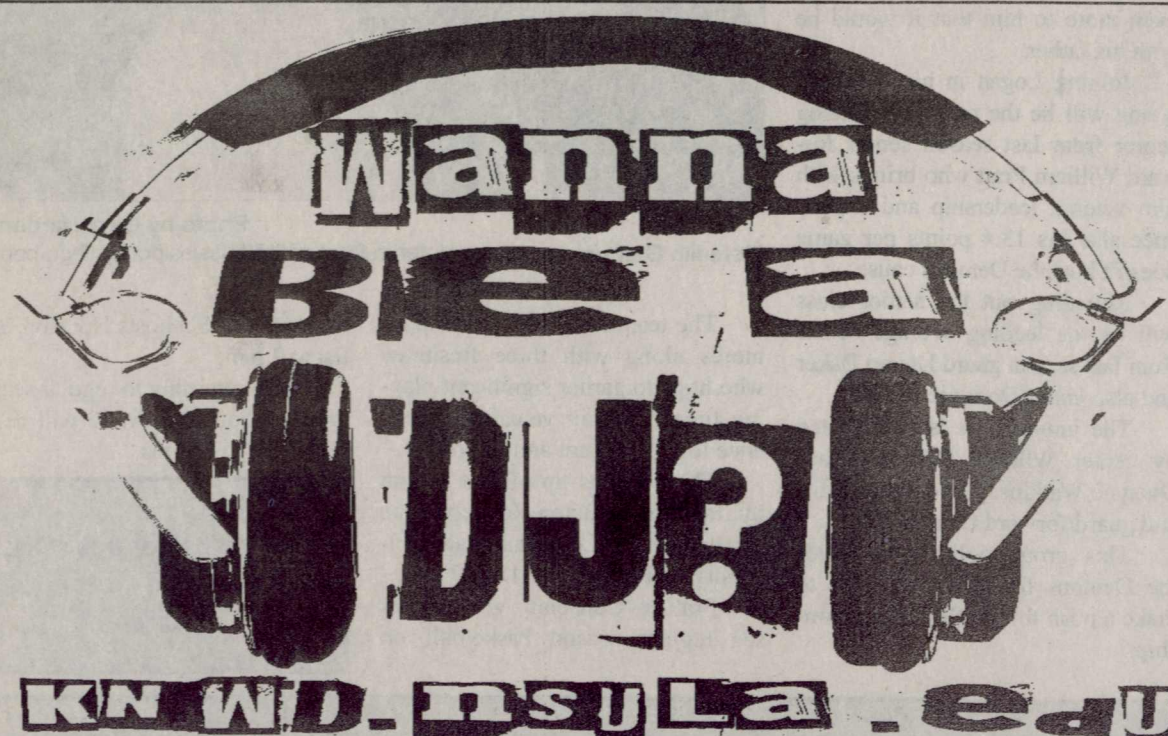
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# Demons take care of business

Courtesy of Sports Info:

A home game against Nicholls State next Saturday afternoon is all that stands between a suddenly smoking-hot Northwestern State football team and a chance to play for the Southland Conference championship in two weeks.

Erupting offensively from the outset Saturday night behind fiery sophomore quarterback Paul Harris, the Demons scorched a veteran but struggling Southeastern Louisiana squad 35-16, scoring the first three times they took possession and carrying a 35-9 lead into the final quarter at Strawberry Stadium.

Northwestern (5-4 overall, 4-1 in the Southland) retained its share of first place in the Southland while posting its fourth straight win (best by the Demons since 2004), and third consecutive road victory (NSU's best road success since 1998).

The point total was NSU's best in Todd Cooley's 20 games as offensive coordinator.

Meanwhile, the Demons' defense extended its recent dominant play, as the Lions (2-7, 1-4) didn't dent the end zone until a 58-yard touchdown bomb with 6:59 remaining.

Sophomore safety Jamaal White had two interceptions (one resulting in an 85-yard touchdown return thanks to a lateral to Cortez

Paige) for Northwestern, which has allowed only five touchdowns in the last four games.

"What a great team win," said second-year head coach Bradley Dale Peveto. "We took control from the start. The offense got us a big lead fast."

Peveto added, "the defense kept their explosive offense contained, didn't give up a touchdown until the middle of the fourth quarter, and we scored one ourselves on defense."

"It was big to come in here against a very talented, well-coached team and do this," he said. "It's a two-game season now and our biggest game is next Saturday afternoon at home against Nicholls."

Harris sat out the fourth quarter, which began with a 26-point lead, after denting the Demons' record book while throwing for 271 yards on 20 of 29 aim and notching four touchdowns in a breakthrough first half.

"A great game plan from our coaches," said Harris. "Then when Southeastern made some adjustments, our coaches did too and the players executed like we're supposed to do."

"It was fun seeing us get going like that. We've gone from worst (0-11 last year) to first and we're one game away from being able to play for a championship, and it feels great."

The Demons exploded with volcanic force, driving decisively (78, 53 and 69 yards) for short touchdown passes on their first three possessions of the night, then responding to a late pair of Lions' field goals with another TD right before halftime for a 28-9 advantage at the break.

By then, Harris had broken a school single-game record with 11 consecutive completions spanning most of the first and part of the second quarter.

He had tied a single-game mark with four touchdown passes and was within range of his career-best 290 yards last week in the double overtime win over Sam Houston State.

Blending an assortment of flanker screens and downfield strikes, the sophomore left-hander already had 258 yards on 19 of 26 aim with one interception through two quarters.

His first three touchdowns were chip shots - 4 yards in the back of the end zone to true freshman tight end Tucker Nims. He threw a 3-yard touchdown to redshirt freshman tight end Jake Bryan and 1 yard to his roommate, sophomore receiver Bradley Brown.

The abundance of productive flanker screens paid off big at the end of the half, when NSU was trying to answer SLU's first two field goals.

Harris pump-faked on another

flanker screen on the Demons' sideline, and another tight end, junior Justin Aldredge, sneaked behind the defense and clutched a rainbow-style lob from Harris for a 33-yard score with 27 seconds left.

Southeastern, dominated by the tune of 210 yards for NSU to 15 for the home team in the opening quarter, showed some pluck in its home finale by posting consecutive field goals of 24 and a career-long 47 yards from Seth Sebastian.

After the Demons notched their late TD, the Lions quickly roared into position for a 31-yard Sebastian try to end the half trailing by 19.

Northwestern went for the throat on the first series after halftime, but SLU's Tommy Connors made a nifty breakup of a fake and 30-yard pass from field goal holder Phil LeBlanc in the end zone.

The Lions again moved downfield, but the Demons took command with a long-awaited play -- a defensive touchdown, the first for Northwestern in 23 games dating back to late in the 2008 season. SLU tried an inside flanker screen, but it was deflected and intercepted by White.

He raced 27 yards, was being headed off by a tackler, and later-altered back to Paige, who had clear sailing and a convoy of blockers as he dashed the final 58 yards for a dagger that carried NSU up 35-9 midway through the third quarter.

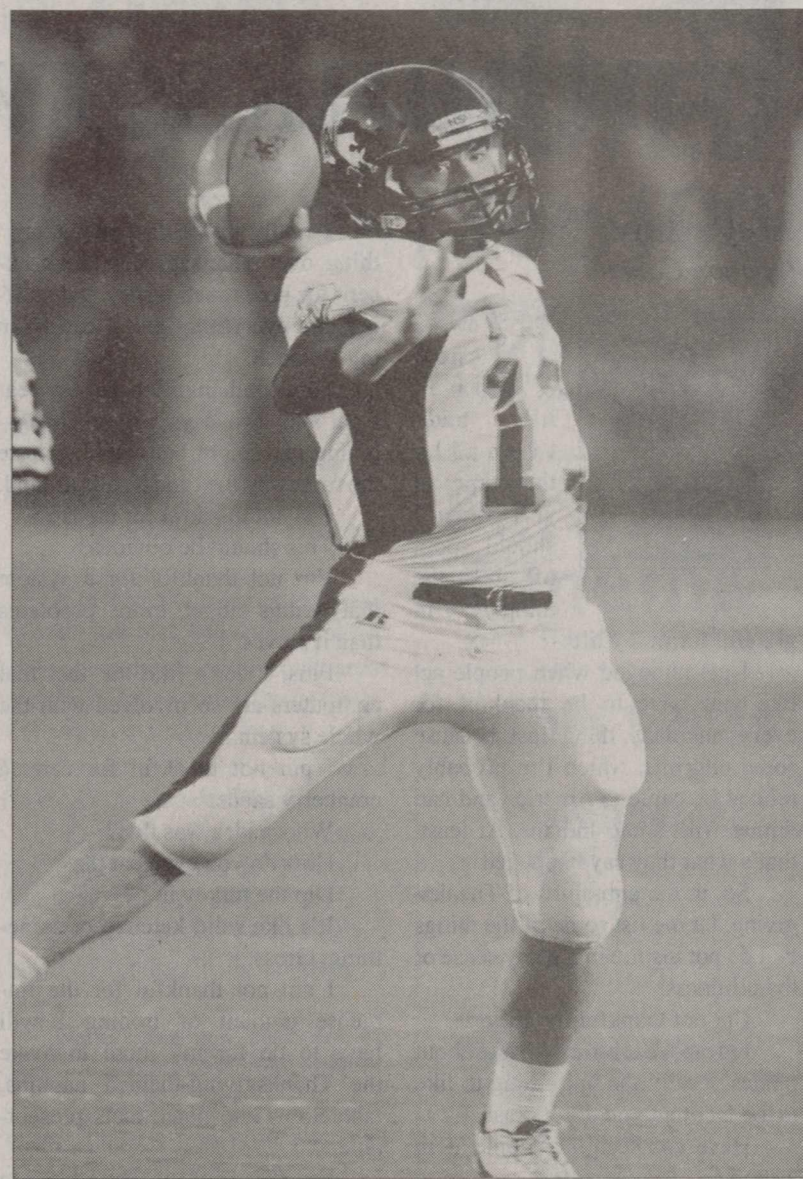


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demon quarterback Paul Harris throws a strike for a touchdown. Harris threw four touchdowns against Southeastern.

## NSU Basketball set to tip off

Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student

The Demon men's basketball team ended last season on a four game losing skid. They ultimately missed the playoffs with a regular season record of 10-19 and a Southland Conference mark of 5-11.

This season will mark Head Basketball Coach Mike McConathy's 12th year running the NSU squad. He looks to return the team to Southland Conference Championship with the help of his veteran coaching staff and a roster of home grown players 12 of which are from the state of Louisiana.

This season will also be the final season that Coach McConathy's baby boy Senior guard Logan McConathy will suit up in a Demon uniform. He's the fifth McConathy to play for Northwestern.

"I try not to think about it as much," McConathy said. "I'm just focusing on having an amazing last season and hoping to win a championship before I leave."

The young McConathy would love nothing more than to win a championship but it would mean even more to him that it would be with his father.

Joining Logan in his quest for a ring will be the returning leading scorer from last season senior forward William Pratt who brings with him veteran leadership and experience also his 13.4 points per game doesn't hurt the Demons cause.

Rounding out the senior class will be the leading average scorer from last season guard Devon Baker and also guard Dominic Knight.

The junior class is represented by center William Mosley, guard Dwayne Watkins, guard Louis Ellis, and guard/forward Charles Clark.

This group collectively gives the Demons the depth it needs to make a push for the SLC championship.

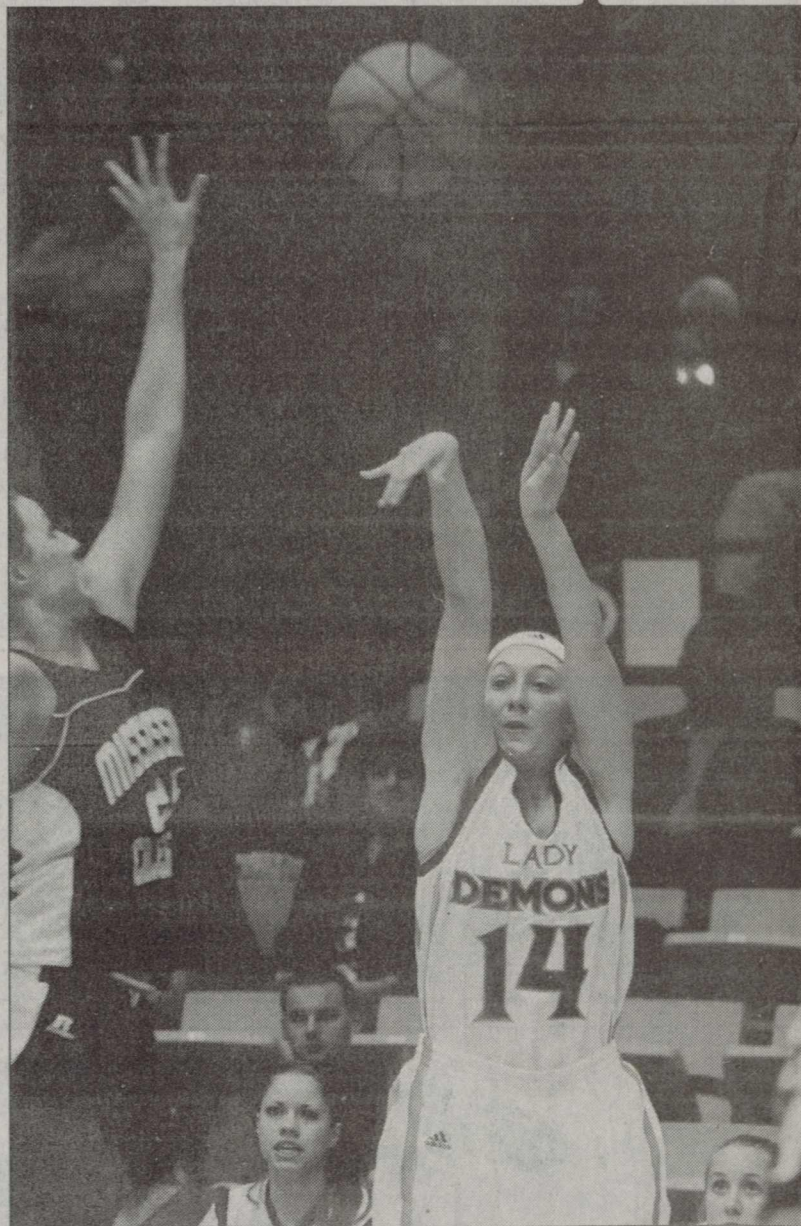


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Meredith Graf sinks a three pointer in front of the Mississippi College bench.

The team also has three sophomores along with three freshmen who hope to garner significant playing time and gain valuable experience for the present and future.

The Demons tip off the season by traveling to Baton Rouge to take on the tigers of Louisiana State University on Friday Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

Prather Coliseum will finally see regular season basketball on

Nov. 15 as NSU hosts Houston Baptist at 7 p.m.

Also returning to regular season hoops action on Nov. 12 will be the NSU Lady Demons.

For the rest of this story, check out [www.thecurrentsauce.com](http://www.thecurrentsauce.com)

## NSU Home Conference Schedule

### Womens

Sat, Jan 08 Texas State

Sat, Jan 15 Central Arkansas  
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Sat, Jan 22 McNeese State  
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Arkansas

Sat, Jan 29 SELU

Sat, Feb 05 Corpus Christi

Wed, Feb 23 Sam Houston  
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Wed, Mar 02 Nicholls

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Sat, Jan 22 McNeese St

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## NSU students protest at state capital

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

“I don’t need your help to cut class” and “Save Louisiana’s future” were some of the statements displayed at a rally for higher education at the state’s capital Wednesday, Nov. 10.

About 20 students from NSU were a part of hundreds in attendance in Baton Rouge to protest their opposition toward the way the Louisiana government is handling the state’s budget cut crisis.

Becca Hunt, a junior humanities and social thought major at NSU’s Scholars’ College, attended and said she had a specific purpose.

“I wanted to voice my opinion and make it clear that there are people unhappy with the way state legislature is handling budget cuts for higher education,” Hunt said.

This was her first political rally, and Hunt said she enjoyed the experience.

“It felt really good to be out there with a group of people with

the same opinion and fighting for the same thing,” she said.

Sarah Spain, a junior liberal arts major at the Scholars’ College, also attended the rally and agreed with Hunt.

“It was my first rally,” Spain said. “It was fun and we were all really pumped.”

Spain explained that this issue means a great deal to her and said she was thankful to take part in the protest.

“Education is something that’s very near to my heart,” Spain said. “I plan to teach in the future, so this is important to me.”

Organized by Louisiana’s Council of Student Body Presidents, the education rally featured speakers and provided an opportunity for protesters to write letters to their congressmen and women.

Students from schools across the state, including Louisiana State University, Grambling State University and Nicholls State University, attended.

Both, Hunt and Spain wrote let-

ters to the legislature while at the rally.

Although she said she was impressed with the level of centralized support present at the protest, Hunt said she does not think the students made an influential impact yet.

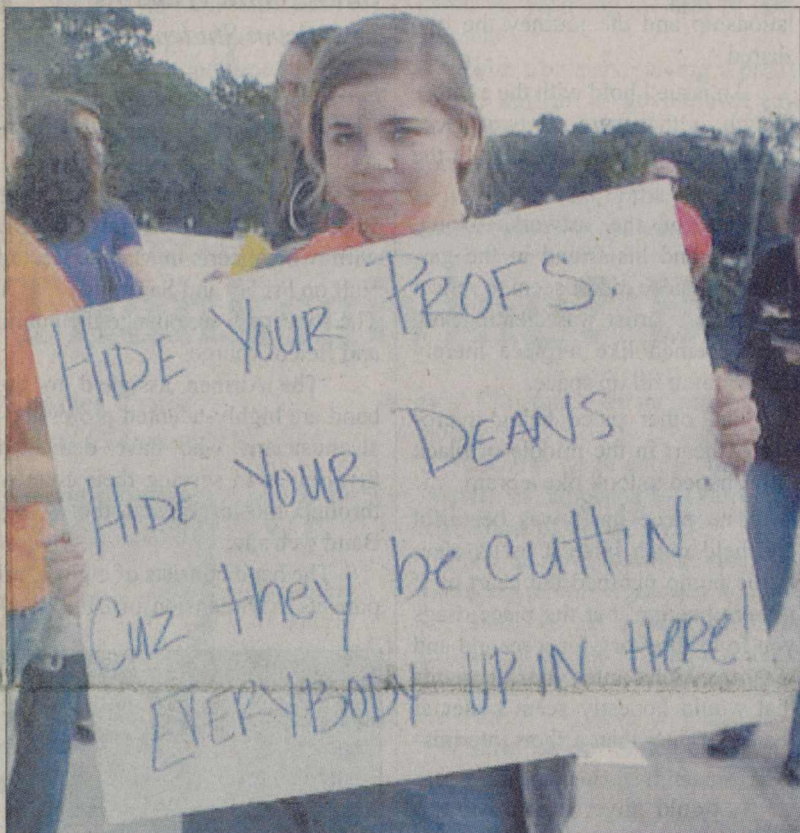
“I feel like we made some waves, but I’m not sure if anything is going to change,” she said. “I think if we keep it up, though, things will change.”

Despite the hundreds of students in attendance at the rally, Spain said she was still disappointed in the turnout.

“I honestly feel like there should have been more students there,” Spain said. “We have a voice and we need to be heard. This affects us all, and we need to stand together.”

The Council of Student Body Presidents is planning another rally for higher education in May. Both, Spain and Hunt said they plan to attend.

“As long as there’s peaceful way to protest, then I will be participating,” Spain said.



Photos contributed by Rachel Pair/ NSU Student

Across top: College students from around the state protest at state capital. Above: NSU student Sarah Spain holds one of the signs used at rally.

## Supreme Court rules on SAB issue

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

The NSU Supreme Court had a hearing Monday afternoon to address an issue concerning the Student Activities Board and its right to charge students for events.

Chief Justice Tim Gattie explained that the court was investigating to see if it is constitutionally outlined that the SAB can charge NSU students for events while students are charged a fee at the beginning of the semester.

“The problem was that the SAB used student fees to pay for an event, and then students had to pay again for admission,” Gattie said.

“Basically, students were double-dipped for payment.”

The event Gattie and the court addressed in particular was comedian Anjelah Johnson’s visit to NSU for Homecoming week.

For the comedy show, SAB charged NSU students \$5 for admission and charged the rest of the community \$15.

SAB Adviser Kirk Lee was present at the Supreme Court’s hearing Monday and argued that the organization had no other options.

Lee explained that the SAB, over the years, has gathered feedback from students and has learned that students want well-known names and acts to come to NSU.

He added that in order for SAB to do this, the organization – and ultimately the students – have to pay more.

Lee said it cost the SAB about \$16,000 to have Johnson perform and about another \$2,500 for related costs, such as advertisement.

The organization made less than \$5,000 from ticket sales.

Lee said that the SAB’s intentions were not to make a profit from having Johnson perform, but instead to bring quality entertainment to the university for the student body to enjoy.

Additionally, Lee presented in his defense that he did not see anything in the constitution or bylaws that proves that SAB is guilty.

“There is nothing in the SAB constitution or bylaws that states we can’t sell tickets to students,” Lee said.

After hearing his defense and investigating the constitution, the Supreme Court ruled with a four to one vote that the SAB was not guilty due to the lack of clarity in the language of the constitution.

Gattie voted with the majority and said it was because the SAB’s constitution does not clearly state the purpose of the SAB student fee, which is \$11 per semester.

In his ruling, Gattie said he plans to suggest to the SAB that the officers address this issue within the organization’s constitution.

“I feel that there should be more documentation explaining what student fees should be used for, but of course, the Supreme Court can only make the suggestion,” Gattie said.

“It is up to [SAB] to make the change.”

## Campus snapshot:



Photo by Gary Hardamond

Students deal with the poor weather to show their Demon football support during the team’s loss to Nicholls State University.

## Reminder:

Vic’s Thanksgiving Lunch

Today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sodexo is serving turkey or ham, two side dishes and dessert.

\$6.39 plus tax

## Natchitoches Parish Update

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist

At their regular meeting on Monday, the Natchitoches Parish Blue Ribbon Charter Commission set aside working on the parish charter for the evening to listen to first-hand experience of a parish president’s role in a parish.

St. Landry parish president Don Menard spoke to the commission on his experience.

He called the president/council form of government “more progressive” than the police jury system. “If the police jury system is so good,” he said, referring to critics of the new charter, “then why aren’t the state and federal governments using it?”

Menard spoke with first-hand experience of the system, having served as the St. Landry parish president for the last seven years. When not being asked questions by the charter commission, he was making recommendations based on what was not originally written in the St. Landry charter.

At the top of his list of recommendations? Making the parish government in charge of all finances in the parish, with the executive branch forming the budget

and the legislative branch adopting it.

He also stated several times that the parish government should “run the parish like a business.”

Menard also spoke on the subject of government salaries. He spoke of reducing the number of legislators and lowering their pay to “attract good, civic-minded people.”

For the parish president, he said, do not lock-in a set salary, but make it flexible. One of his ideas, which had been shared with the commission before, was to average the salaries of other parish-wide elected officials, like the sheriff, clerk of court and the tax assessor, and give the parish president that average as a salary.

Menard also spoke briefly on the concept of creating a unitary road district system (which the parish has but excludes the city of Natchitoches). Bringing the city into that single district will lower the millage-rate across the parish, according to Menard.

The next meeting of the Blue Ribbon Charter Commission will be on Nov. 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Police Jury boardroom at the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse.

- Courtesy Natchitoches Parish Journal

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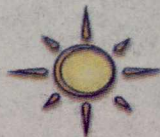
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## NSU students' art gallery critique: 'Consumed'

Rachel Dahlem  
John Campbell  
NSU Students

**C**onsumed, a show sponsored by Northwestern State University's art department hosting Mary Pool's artwork.

The entire exhibit is composed of a mixture of medias and artworks that consume the viewer in confusion and takes them through a ride that is, unexpected, but good fun all the less.

Mary Pool truly chose a perfect name for her exhibit.

The show starts with a series of curtains zigzagging you through the lives of two people.

A woman all alone, a man all alone, they come together, they fall in love, they have kids and grow old together, until one of them has to leave and the women is left all alone.

The story is immediately cut abrupt when you run into a giant map with red dots, highlighting the areas where the two lovers have met.

Pass the map and you are immediately asked to crawl on your hands and knees through a third of the exhibit.

It would be a bad idea to bring any bags or purses through this part.

At the start you are immediately eaten and you travel down the esophagus into the stomach, a small child like fort covered in blankets and Christmas lights lining the bottom.

Butterflies hang from the ceiling resembling the way Mary's husband made her feel.

You travel out of the stomach into the small intestine, which is lined by a barrage of socks and a hairpin turn.

From there you travel into the large intestine lined with Wal-Mart bags that were twisted into ropes and crocheted together to form nice netting.

You are then expelled from the small intestine into the remainder of the exhibit, full of artworks featuring places Mary Pool's husband has been, a crocheted heart, an odd looking phone, WALL-E, and the straightforwardly titled "Crocheted Skeletons."

In this artwork Pool incorporates the ideas of mortality and unrequited desire into the show with a pair of crocheted approximations of the human skeletal system.

These two, an anatomically correct male and female skeleton, are situated directly across from each other and splayed against the gallery walls in poses indicative of defeat and submission; the forms' wrists are held to their respective walls by black paper chains.

The impression given by the piece is one of longing.

The bare, white bones of the figures lay less than a foot apart, but are permanently separated by undisclosed barriers, their relationship forever halted by the fleeting nature and impermanence of human life.

To say this exhibit isn't completely straight forward in all of its

meanings is a complete understatement.

Everything about this show is completely confusing, but fun.

It's so much fun you can't help but feel like you want to know more about it.

The show consumes your interests as you hunt down the information page and read about the meaning behind each piece.

It fascinates you even further, so much but you can't help but go through and experience it again.

Everything in the exhibit ties into this beautiful love story between the artist and her husband including the digestion system that symbolizes the twists and turns of the artists' relationship and the journey the two shared.

An issue I hold with the exhibit, though, is that there are two pieces of work that don't seem to fit in the love story.

One of the artworks being, "Wall-E and his friend in the garden;" the piece didn't seem to reflect the epic the artist was creating, but more seemed like a piece merely thrown in to fill up space.

The other piece being a crocheted heart in the middle of black wire shaped to look like a brain.

The piece itself was beautiful and held much interest as its electronic pump pumped the heart as if it were beating, but the piece drags you from the story for a second and puts questions into your thoughts that would honestly seem better at the end, rather than a short intermission.

I would give this exhibit a strong recommendation to anyone willing to see it.

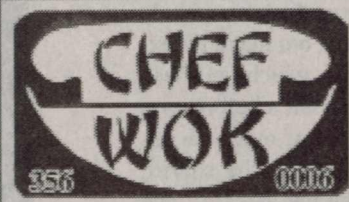
Although little things kept distracting me from the novel Mary Pool tried to create through mixed medias, the exhibit stands well on its own without a story.

The audience is forced to engage in the artwork, bringing a new life to this exhibit that is hard to say about most others.

Its fascinating creation will capture the eyes of any passerby.

This exhibit truly consumes every part of you.

The exhibit is located on the second floor of Hanchey Gallery and will remain there until Friday, and the exhibit will be torn down on Saturday.



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## Fall Fest gives students break

Laila Benjamin  
Sauce Reporter

**F**inals time is approaching and the stress is becoming unbearable.

Helping hands has reached out and put on a stress releasing event for the student body. Fall Fest is a small carnival that takes place inside of the student union where different organizations put together activities to take students back to a time where their biggest problem was being forced to eat their veggies at dinner.

According to Brittany Jewitt and Eric Howard, Fall Fest is a place where a kid can be a kid and where students can come out and mingle in a casual setting leaving the books, deadlines, test reviews and all the stress that comes with them at home.

This year it seemed as if there wasn't as large of a turnout as previous years, none the less it was successful because it was benefiting others. To enter Fall Fest, each student had to either give a dollar or donate a coat or jacket for the coat drive.

These coats went to under privileged families in the area and previously the funds gathered from the door and concessions, went to families to help purchase groceries for Thanksgiving dinner.

Helping Hands have been bringing the students of NSU this break from the books annually since 2005, according to their advisor, Denise Garland.

This year Helpings hands has teamed up with various organizations such as: The Iota Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc., The

Lambda Theta Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Inc., African American Caucus, The Theta Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc., Fresh Campus, The Theta Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc., Circle K, Blue Key, Dance Phi Cheer, Student Support Services, The Ladies of Essence, and The NSU Angles.

Each organization prepared a game to share with the students.

There were games such as Twister, Musical Chairs, The Hat Game, Financial Bingo, Ships and Sailors, Limbo, NSU Balloon Pop and many more for the student body to enjoy.

This event has been helping both the student body and the community for five years. According to Eric Howard, it will continue to build so that the organization can reach more and more people.

## Air Force Band flies to NSU to perform

ShaRhonda Williams  
Practicum Student

**F**or some active duty airmen, serving their country is music to their ears.

The United States Air Force Band provided the campus of NSU with two concerts in Magale Recital Hall on Friday and Saturday.

The concerts were open to the public and free of charge.

"The Airmen assigned to the band are highly-talented professional musicians who have dedicated themselves to serving their country through music," stated the USAF Band web site.

The band consists of eight components – Dimension in Blue, War-

hawk, Southwest Winds, Concert Band, Gateway Brass, Top Flight, Ceremonial Band and Herald Brass.

Only three of the eight components performed in the concerts – Gateway Brass, Southwest Winds and the Concert Band.

On Friday, the audience experienced the performances of Gateway Brass and Southwest Winds.

Gateway Brass is dedicated to presenting to its audiences the total spectrum of today's musical literature, explained the web site.

The Gateway Brass ensemble consists six airmen – two trumpets, French horn, trombone, tuba and percussion musicians, whereas, the Southwest Winds component consist of 5 world-class wind instrumental-

ist.

Southwest Winds promotes the concept of using classical chamber ensembles in musical of the Air Force Mission, the web site said.

The following night, the Concert Band performed for the audience. The Concert Band is the largest ensemble of the USAF Band with approximately 45 musicians.

According the website, the band provides civilian and military audiences with over 300 performances and traveling more than 125, 000 miles annually.

The USAF Band encourages any musician interested in joining to the band to contact them. The band is always looking for new musicians to the band.

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3:40 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
9:20 p.m.

**"Unstoppable"**

Rated PG-13  
4:20 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
9:40 p.m.

**"Megamind"**

Rated PG  
1:40 p.m.  
6:50 p.m.

**"Due Date"**

Rated R  
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## BS'in with the Bull: 10 things that need to go from turkey day

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



Every year, on a seemingly random day at the end of November, America celebrates Thanksgiving (Canadians, as usual, get this completely wrong and hold it in October).

It's a day of tradition, a day to give thanks. And a day, or so it's become over time, that we all do inexplicable things just because it's Thanksgiving.

Some things are holy and central to the day: turkey, stuffing, potatoes, pumpkin pie, football.

Most everything else is mutable. And then there are some things that have just plain worn out their welcome.

These are things that might be better off slaughtered in the background of a Sarah Palin interview.

### 10. Breaking the Wishbone

Hey, let's grab a slimy bone from this bird skeleton, dry it out, and then make one of us feel like we got screwed out of a wish!

This is a tradition that's barely fun, slightly gross, very superstitious, and teaches us a valuable lesson about our ever-nearing mortality. Thanks, 18th century!

### 9. Watching the National Dog Show just because it comes on after the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

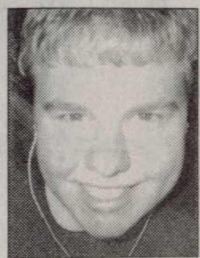
NBC has been trying for years to pass this ridiculous thing off as a Turkey-Day tradition, but really? No one's buying it.

The ratings for this are completely limited to: people who've fallen asleep in front of the TV, cooks who have too much turkey grease on their hands to want to use the remote, and Paris Hilton.

### 8. Come to think of it: The Macy's

## No more 'no homo'

Charles Crain  
Sauce Columnist



I love you man, no homo. The world of Hip-Hop has never been a place that accepts many people.

Gay people, in particular, are not welcomed warmly.

The new trend in Hip-Hop is to compliment someone in a way that cannot be construed as gay.

Good play man, no homo.

I love you dad, no homo.

Great dinner mom! No homo.

It appears that Hip-Hop artists are so frightened of the possibility of being seen as effeminate or gay, that they have to go out of their way to make sure that you know they are all man.

It is generally understood that gay men who struggle in the closet try to overcompensate.

They may bully people or just try too hard when talking about women.

### Thanksgiving Day Parade

Okay, not the whole thing. After all, something has to survive this Thanksgiving massacre we're dreaming up here.

But does it have to be three hours long?

There's only so much Today Show talent that a person can take. Show us five big balloons, four festive floats, three marching bands, two Broadway shows, and a Santa Claus at the end.

We're done with the whole thing in under an hour, and we don't already feel bloated and sleepy.

### 7. Fancy Cranberry Sauces

Forget orange rind, walnuts, raisins, onion, or whatever other dumb-bass thing you're mixing in.

The only cranberry sauce that should grace a Thanksgiving table is that cranberry sauce that can be found in nature: the untamed cranberry sauce that comes in the perfect, ridged shape of an aluminum can.

Truly a Thanksgiving miracle.

### 6. Gathering the Whole Family Together Only Because They're Family

Sure, you don't mind the way grandpa unsnaps his pants after dinner and then calls attention to it.

No, you don't mind sitting next to that cousin who went to jail that time for that thing that no one talks about. Fine, you'll pull your uncle's finger.

But here's the thing: why? Remember, you can't pick your family, but you can pick an excuse not to see them this year. (And this fall, you really can't go wrong with . You're welcome.)

### 5. Yams

Yes, yams are different from sweet potatoes. No, no one really cares about that.

Here's the thing: if there's only one specific day in the year when you bother to try to eat a specific food, there's no need to eat that specific food at all.

And really, quit with the marshmallows. If you need an inch-thick

layer of sugar in order to make a food palatable, it ain't food.

### 4. Green Bean Casserole

How did this marketing invention of Campbell's Soup make it into the holiday big leagues?

Anything made with grey, lumpy, Cream of Mushroom soup? Yeah, that's a no.

No one's fooling anyone with the whole green-bean thing.

Eat a handful of French Fried Onions and stop lying to yourself.

### 3. Turkey Decorations

Does no one else find this a little ghoulish?

We have kids tracing their hands on paper and creating from that these cute, fat, farm birds that we completely intend to behead, pluck, and eat over the course of days until only the sad, bony carcass is left.

This is pretty much the equivalent of having rabbit for Easter dinner.

### 2. Giblets

Whether in gravy, stuffing or pie, even giblets themselves are surprised that anyone is still eating them.

"We're freaking disgusting," they're reported to have said right before committing themselves to the garbage disposal in a noble gesture to save holiday food traditionalists from themselves.

And finally the number one Thanksgiving tradition that needs to get the ax is...

### 1. The Detroit Lions

Seriously, Detroit has enough on its plate these days without adding a national day of shame.

Well that's gonna do it, those are the ten things that if left off our turkey day, would make it so much better.

I hope that you have had as much fun reading my Thanksgiving columns as I have had writing them.

I do want to add that despite what you have read I really do love Thanksgiving.

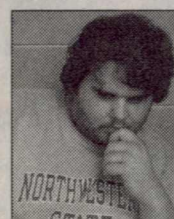
Anyway, ya'll all have a happy turkey day and I'll see yall in a couple weeks, about 15 pounds heavier.

Everyone here at The Current Sauce would like to wish everybody a happy holiday season. We want everyone to know we will return at the beginning of next semester. Until then be safe.

~The Current Sauce staff

## Half the Battle: Exit, stage left

Joe Cunningham  
Staff Columnist



For two and a half years, I have, in some way, been affiliated with The Current Sauce. For most of that time, I have been writing columns for the Opinions section. I've had a lot of fun.

However, this is the end of the line for me. When David Royal asked if I wanted to write up one last hoorah, I seriously considered it. However, I thought of one man who has seen me through thick and thin. One man has been capable of pulling me through the good times and bad.

I am, of course, speaking of Rick Astley.

And, what does Mr. Astley have to do with anything? Why, he has a new song called "Goodbye But Not

The End," which is how I feel about the end of my time with this paper. So, instead of saying goodbye for 400 or more words, let's act as if everything is business as usual.

Governor Bobby Jindal is out promoting his new book. In fact, he's due to return to Louisiana on Nov. 23. Between now and then, he will be hitting up every single conservative talk show to promote his book and his ideas.

It's staggering, really. In his book and in these interviews, Jindal talks about running the federal government like running our state government.

Then, after making that statement, he says we should focus as a nation on reducing the size of government.

With Louisiana having a pretty sizable amount of government employees, if you ask state treasurer John Kennedy, it makes me wonder if perhaps Jindal is the governor of another state that we aren't aware of.

Jindal also told the morning program "Fox and Friends" that he balanced the state budget. I think that's a good thing, considering it's required by our constitution that we do so. But, go back and look at how he balanced the budget.

No cuts. Just the use of one-time funds to fill in the gaps. Hang on, I take that back. He did cut from the budget.

He cut funding from the two institutions he said we, as a state, should improve on: education and healthcare. Again, governor, I'm getting mixed signals.

So, where does that leave us? We're a state being run by a man who has spent roughly five hours in the state since August, and he's touting ideas he doesn't even use.

And yet, he denies wanting to run for any other office than the one he's in now.

Frankly, I hope he runs for president.

Just get him out of here.

## Thanksgiving? Bah humbug!

Charles Crain  
Sauce Columnist



Merry Christmas! There, I said it.

I'm not ashamed to admit that I love Christmas. I'm even less ashamed to admit that I crank out my Christmas collection on Nov. 1.

I live to visit department stores after they've just hung their Christmas decorations.

Red and green are my favorite colors, and I could play Christmas music all year long.

I revel in playing Mariah Car-

ey's Christmas album around the clock.

I know what you're thinking: "Whatever happened to Thanksgiving? Think of the turkey!"

We all love Thanksgiving, but to me, it's merely a gateway holiday.

Sure, we get a week off from school that we use to complete those assignments that are due the week we return.

Sure, we get to see our family and have a good meal. Some of us travel.

The Cowboys vs. Saints game will be a crowd-pleaser at my house.

But it all seems so, well, boring.

For no particular reason, we wake up early to see Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The last time I checked, the Pilgrims did not celebrate Thanksgiving by riding a Garfield float.

For those of us who host Thanksgiving for family, there is the cooking and cleaning that occurs days before the actual holiday.

Why should I rake leaves in the backyard when all my family will see is a football game in the living room?

With Christmas, at least you have the fun of shopping with your friends.

Now that department stores offer gift wrapping for any item, you don't even have to wrestle with that chore.

I don't care if the cynics say it's "too soon."

You can keep your mashed potatoes and football games.

I'll be happy watching "A Charlie Brown Christmas" in preparation for Black Friday.

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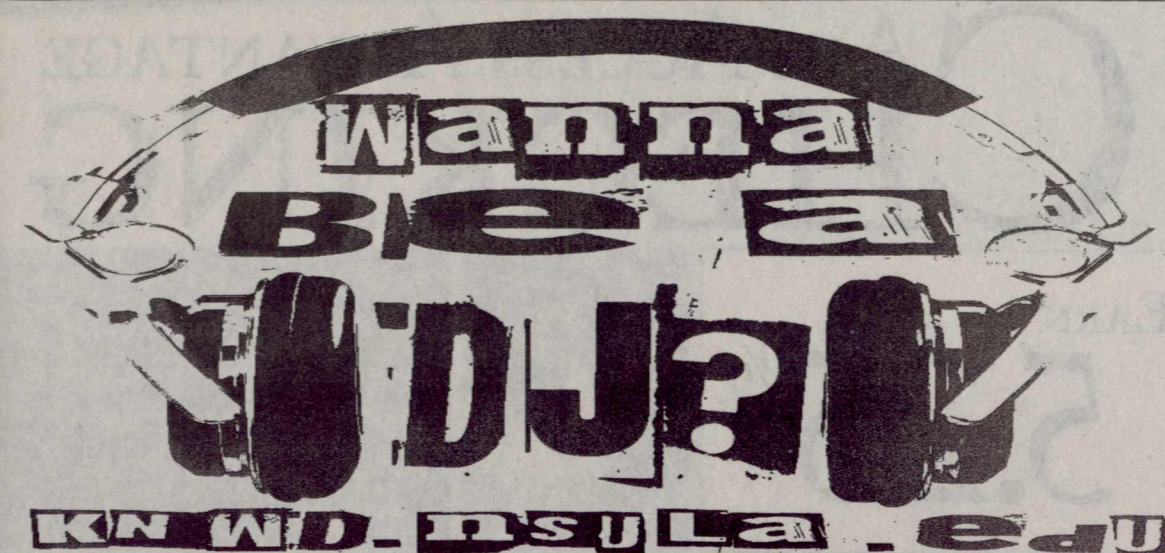
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# Colonels crunch Demons; NSU loses by 30



Demons gang tackle a Nicholls State ball carrier on kick coverage.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student

The Demons experienced a lot of hype into this past weekend's match up with conference opponent Nicholls State.

The home team was the hottest team in the SLC, winning four straight games and also being ranked number one in the conference.

Adding more fuel to the fire was the fact that the game was being broadcasted on television as the SLC game of the week.

The cold rainy weather made for a gloomy setting.

The Demons received the opening kickoff after honoring its senior class, who would be playing for their final time at Turpin Stadium.

Paul Harris and the offense took the field with the NSU crowd behind them. After an incomplete pass on the first play from scrimmage, the offense looked to get things going with three back to back seven yard plays.

The next play was a run which was stuffed for a one yard loss, but then followed up by a 19-yard completion to sophomore wide receiver Bradley Brown, who leads the Demons in receptions with 41 grabs on the season.

The next play was an incomplete pass from Harris, which was followed by a false start and eventu-

ally led to the Colonels getting the football on the Demon 20 after a touchback.

LaQuinten Caston put the Colonels' offense on his back from the very start of their first possession.

He found running lanes and scampered for 62 yards on his first two carries, one of which was a 39-yard touchdown run that gave the other NSU a seven-point lead.

The Demons faltered again on their next two possessions and eventually gave up seven more points to the Colonels.

The Demon defense forced a three-and-out and brought the first period to a close with Northwestern State down 14-0.

On the Colonels' first drive of the second quarter, Caston was able to put up yet another touchdown when he gashed the Demon D for a 29-yard gain on the ground, bringing the score to 21-0 and bringing his rushing touchdown total to three on the day.

"They did a good job with the quarterback run game, hitting us in a couple of pressures that hurt us, and by the time we got it corrected, we were down 21 points," Head Coach Bradley Dale Peveto said. "They ground it out, and they had more success running the ball than we thought possible."

The Demon fans finally found a reason to cheer as Paul Harris hooked up with T.C. Henry for a 47-

yard gain.

Henry led the day in receiving yards for NSU.

The pass set up a 20-yard touchdown throw and catch from Harris to Justin Aldredge, which cut the lead to 21-7 following the extra point.

This would be the only time the Demons would reach the end zone the entire game.

Nicholls, however, would go on to put up 16 more points, which included a LaQuinten Caston pass to Kenyad Blair for a 7-yard touchdown, followed by a Paul Harris intentional grounding penalty, which gave them a 2-point safety.

Finally, the nail in the coffin was a 12-yard rushing touchdown by Dalton Hilliard.

The 30-point loss to a 3-7 team, does not, eliminate Northwestern State from SLC championship contention.

The Demons need to win this weekend's rivalry game at Stephen F. Austin, who is 5-1 in the conference and tied for first place with McNeese State (also 5-1).

The Demons also need Central Arkansas to beat McNeese and bring the SLC title to NSU by way of a 3-way tie.

This scenario would also send the Demons into the post season playoffs.

Kick off for the Demons vs SFA game will be at 2 p.m. in Nacogdoches, Texas.

## Demon hoops win home opener

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

A 29-point performance by NSU guard Will Pratt was not enough to give the Demon basketball team a win in its season opener against LSU in Baton Rouge last Friday, but the team's cohesive display was enough for the team to snag a win in its home opener.

The Demon basketball team bounced back for its home opener with a victory over the Houston Baptist Huskies.

The 87-78 win pushed the team to 1-1 on the young season.

Pratt was explosive once again, but the spotlight shifted to fellow New Yorker, Devon Baker, who had a game-high 19 points.

Baker pick-pocketed the Huskies five times and sank four of nine three pointers while snagging five

rebounds.

"We are having tons of fun out there on the court," Baker said. "When we are playing together and fighting for each other, it makes the game more fun."

The Huskies hung around for most of the first half, until the Demons took command by stringing together a 16-2 run to build a 51-35 lead.

Houston Baptist fought back with a 15-5 run of their own to bring the score to 50-56 with 14:17 left in the game.

"We were pretty good when we were out there pressuring the ball, scratching and clawing and diving and creating some easy baskets off turnovers," McConathy said.

"We didn't keep that up and Houston Baptist refused to fold and fought back into the game a couple of times. That, getting outrebounded 57-41, and making only 12 of our 25

free throws are areas where we have to be better and more consistent considering the challenge ahead."

That would be the closest the Huskies would get, as the Demons were able to hold them off for the remainder of the game.

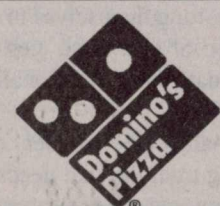
The team received solid contributions from many of the veterans on the team.

O.J. Evans led the team in block shots with nine, while Will Mosley snagged a team-high nine rebounds and swatted four shots of his own.

Junior transfer Louis Ellis scored 17 points, matching senior Will Pratt.

NSU forced the Huskies into committing 30 turnovers, which led to 32 points.

The Demons' next game is today at Memphis. After that, the team returns home Saturday for a 2 p.m. game against Tennessee-Martin.



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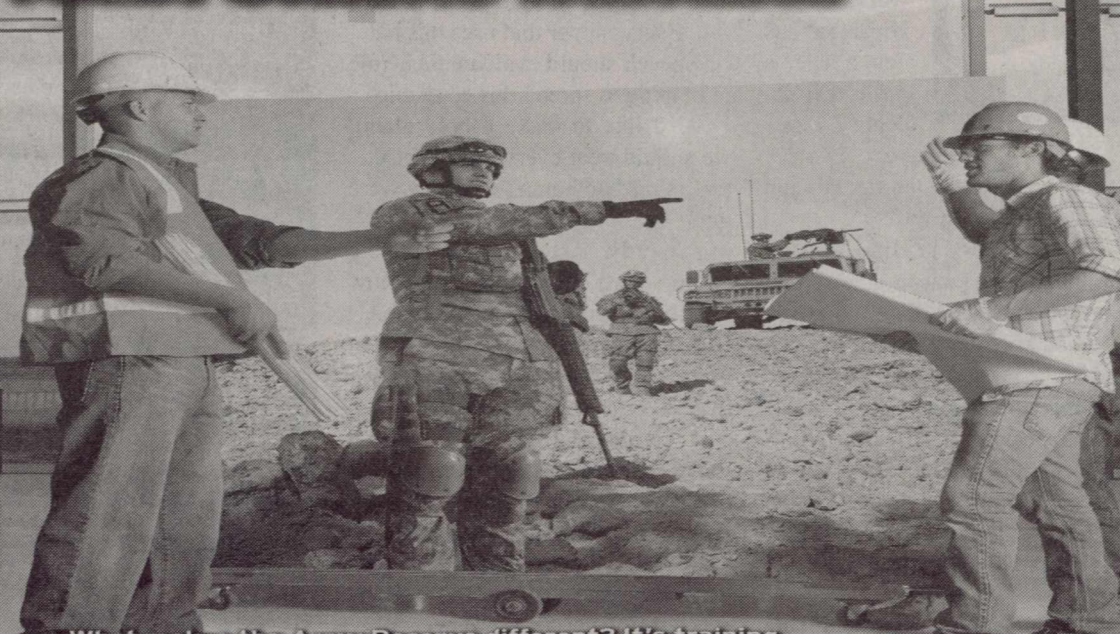
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## Students across state meet with ULS President

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

NSU sent four students to Baton Rouge Jan. 13 to meet with University of Louisiana System officials to discuss the current and future budget situation surrounding the state's higher education system.

Student Government Association President Mark Daniels, Vice President Tara Luck, Treasurer Zech Jones and student leader Vanner Erikson were chosen to represent NSU based on their involvement on campus.

Daniels, Luck, Jones and Erikson were among 32 students who attended Southeastern University's Nursing campus to meet with the ULS officials.

ULS President Randy Moffett was in attendance and led much of the discussion.

Daniels said that the discussion was beneficial for both the students and the ULS officials.

"Everyone left with a better knowledge of the situation," Daniels said. "We were also able to give those with the ULS an idea of how we, as students, feel."

Daniels explained that he and the three other NSU students went to Moffett with two specific questions: are there any plans for university closures and are there any plans to reduce four-year universities to two-year universities?

Moffett's response was that there are no plans to do either.

According to the information provided by the ULS, NSU's bud-

get has dropped from \$49,733,189 in July 2008 to \$40,874,927 for this current fiscal year. Another \$4 million is estimated to be cut from the university's budget next fiscal year.

In addition to sharing their knowledge on the budget cut situation, Moffett and his staff also discussed other issues, such as the graduation rate, tuition and minimum credit hours required a semester.

Erikson explained that Moffett bounced ideas off of the students concerning how to deal with increasing tuition.

Moffett said he is in favor of giving the authority to raise tuition to the ULS board, rather than the individual universities. By doing so, he said the board would ensure that tuition would only rise a minimal percentage every year or so, so that students will not be overwhelmed by a large tuition increase at an unexpected time.

Moffett also explained that the state loses millions of dollars a year because of students dropping classes in the middle of the semester.

To alleviate this, Moffett suggested to the students that the ULS increase the minimum number of credits required a semester from 12 to 15.

Daniels said his next step is to push the information he learned through the SGA, so that future leadership will already have this crucial information before actually taking office.

Daniels, Luck, Jones and Erikson plan to have a forum later this semester to share what they learned to the student body.

### Budget reductions for schools within the ULS since 2008

Campus	08-09 Budget	08-09 Mid-Year Cut	09-10 Cut	09-10 Mid-Year Cut #1	09-10 Mid-Year Cut #2	10-11 Oct. Mid-Year Cut	Cumulative Cut
Grambling	\$31,830,901	\$1,331,152	\$2,755,720	\$1,432,731	\$1,257,731	\$299,998	\$5,819,601
LA Tech	\$62,861,537	\$2,656,359	\$4,535,754	\$2,874,828	\$1,250,000	\$642,809	\$10,709,750
McNeese	\$45,427,196	\$1,900,502	\$3,723,587	\$2,059,348	\$2,221,934	\$431,131	\$8,858,262
Nicholls	\$35,947,974	\$1,456,276	\$2,969,779	\$1,644,609	\$1,219,609	\$346,637	\$6,417,301
Northwestern	\$49,733,189	\$2,128,410	\$4,012,786	\$2,247,267	\$1,300,000	\$469,799	\$8,858,262
Southeastern	\$79,340,431	\$3,425,153	\$6,672,756	\$3,575,757	\$1,825,000	\$748,175	\$14,421,841
UL Lafayette	\$101,147,753	\$4,324,595	\$7,508,762	\$4,612,290	\$2,791,320	\$1,014,778	\$17,460,425
UL Monroe	\$57,132,430	\$2,384,468	\$4,522,392	\$2,593,960	\$2,150,000	\$576,810	\$10,077,630
TOTAL							\$82,179,379

Data provided by the ULS

## NSU student dies in car crash during break

Ty Johnson  
Staff Reporter

The weekend before the spring semester begins, most NSU students spend packing to return to campus for school Monday.

Mariah Woods, a freshman journalism student, didn't have that opportunity.

While riding home from a party with close friends, a car struck the vehicle holding Woods and two others in New Orleans around midnight on Jan. 11.

Woods was killed and her friends were left seriously injured.

The driver that hit the vehicle

with Woods in it was part of a three-minute police chase.

The chase began when an officer saw the driver make an illegal turn. He followed the car and noticed the vehicle's occupants throw out a powdery substance.

The chase ended with the pursued vehicle colliding into the car with Woods and her two friends inside.

Police arrested three men and found 50 foils of heroin in their vehicle.

The driver, 22-year-old Edward Augustine was booked with manslaughter and two counts of negligent injury.

Augustine has a rap sheet, that includes several narcotics-related arrests dating to 2005 and a first-degree murder arrest in 2008.

Most of the cases were refused by the New Orleans District Attorney's office.

District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro said that scenario is one he doesn't want to see happening under his watch.

"You can see that [Augustine] continues, escalates and then you see unfortunately, someone loses their life, as a result of that," Cannizzaro said. "This individual should have been in jail long before this event oc-

curred."

The NSU community grieves over its loss, even students who never met Woods were saddened.

"I didn't know Mariah personally, but what happened to her is tragic," Angel Johnson, sophomore psychology major, said. "Knowing that I lost one of my peers in such a manner as what happened is heart-breaking."

Cannizzaro said the district attorney's office has plans to look further into Edward Augustine's first-degree murder arrest in 2008.

NOPD Chief Serpas said he plans to investigate the circumstance surrounding the police pursuit.

## Record number of students receive degrees

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

NSU awarded the highest number of degrees in school history in the Fall 2010 Commencement Exercise to 1,135 students.

The number includes graduates of both the summer and fall semesters. For the entire 2010 year, NSU had 1,955 graduates, which is another university record.

"Commencement is such a wonderful and exciting time, and this ceremony was even more special with such a large amount of participants," NSU President Randall Webb said.

Despite the difficult time the university is going through with budget cuts, Webb said he was not surprised to see the university set records with the number of graduates.

Although limited by budget cuts, Webb said he and his staff are working to still move forward with NSU being a successful university for students to attend and to continue to grow in the future.

"It begins with recruiting and our image as a university," Webb said. "I'm pleased to say that NSU has a strong image across the state,

but we plan to make it even stronger."

He said the next step in ensuring high graduation rates is for NSU officials to strive to help students succeed socially and academically.

"We want to make students to continue to feel at home here and have a deep desire to do well here," Webb said.

Webb also credits the university's highest graduation numbers to NSU's adoption of "Project Win-Win."

Project Win-Win is a nationwide effort to allow people who have nearly completed a degree program to be awarded an associate degree.

By doing so, officials hope the people awarded would have the incentive to return to school and complete a four-year education.

"I think Project Win-Win gives people a new hope and opens so many doors," Webb said.

NSU is one of three schools in the University of Louisiana System to participate in the program.

Over 200 hundred students were eligible to receive degrees at the commencement ceremony through Project Win-Win.

## Natchitoches Parish Update

Joe Cunningham

Natchitoches Parish Journal

The Natchitoches Parish Blue Ribbon Charter Commission is only a few items away from being ready to present a first draft of a new parish charter. The group met on Monday to go over financial procedures and general provisions for a parish government.

The financial procedures on the commission's checklist were items that fell under state law. The items in that section of the charter were all passed unanimously.

Meanwhile items under the "general provisions" section were covered in the St. Martin Parish charter which, according to commissioner

Jim Gregory, fell in line with what the commission wanted for Natchitoches. The items that got voted on will use wording similar to that found in the St. Martin charter.

The coming completion of the commission's checklist will also mean that work on a final document can begin. Alex Aichenger, who has been acting as an adviser to the commission, presented a nearly-complete charter to the commission before the meeting, missing only what had not been gone over by the commission yet, as well as items that had been previously tabled until a later date.

As the charter nears completion, the commission will shift from using a checklist to proof-reading their work until they are ready to present the charter to the public.

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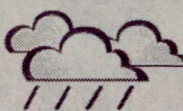
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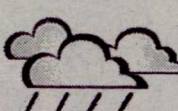
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Pictured above is the 2011 Freshman Connection team.

## Freshman Connectors connect with each other for the first time

Natalie Stewart  
Practicum Student

The Office of Student Success and New Student Programs has selected a group of students for one of the most important events of the year: Freshmen Connection.

There is a three-step process in selecting a team of Freshmen Connectors.

In the selection process to become a connector, students must submit an application and present a letter of recommendation from faculty or staff, go through orientation scenarios and activities in an experimental session and lastly go through an interview process.

To apply to be a part of the Freshmen Connection team applicants must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA, take the connector orientation course, possess leadership potential

and work well within a team.

The students chosen for the 2011 Freshman Connection team are as follows:

Christian Broussard, Shannon Byrd, Sarah Chan, Michael Chasteen, Anna Gasperez, Victoria Hippler, Daniel Hubley, Kyle Hudson, Tiffany Hudson, Britany Jeanice, CJ Johnson, Danielle Landry, Solomon Matthews, Austin McCan, Maegan Morace, Afton Owens, Ryan Owens, Ryan Pang, Jessica Ratelle, Tori Sanford, Ren Sewell, Daniel Sharborno, Molly Simpson, Chase Stepp, and Robin Walder.

The Freshmen Connection team is composed of students from all areas of campus life creating a diverse group to work together towards a common goal.

"We have a really diverse group, we are all in different fraternities,

sororities, organizations, like BCM, SAB, and we have some Scholar's College students," Solomon Matthews, second year connector, said. "We all come from different backgrounds, but we are all excited and are leaders in our own ways."

The team works hard throughout the spring semester to prepare for the summer Freshmen Connection sessions as well as to compete at the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop, SROW.

"We have 25 connectors and we will all be utilizing our skills and talents to make the best 2011 Freshman Connector team," Maegan Morace, first year connector, said. "We have already started working together as a group in class and we are [about] to start rehearsing our skit and song for the sessions this summer."

The Connectors have class twice a week to get to know each other better, create a team that focuses on working together and putting

in hard work to produce a successful ending result.

"We are working really well together as a team already," Sarah Chan, first year connector, said. "Everyone has something to contribute to make this one of the best Freshmen Connections yet."

They also spend time learning everything about Northwestern to prepare themselves for the summer's Freshmen Connection sessions and working on a skit.

"We really focus on working as a team and not ourselves," Victoria Hippler, first year connector, said. "A big way in which we work as a group is working on our song, dance and skits we perform at Freshmen Connection. It takes a lot of time and with so many different personalities, it really takes teamwork to make the final project perfect."

The Freshmen Connectors will be working hard all semester to produce the ending result that they will present at Freshmen Connection and SROW in March. The team is enthusiastic and excited to work together to represent Northwestern.

"I feel so honored to be chosen as a Freshman Connector," Tori Sanford, first year connector, said. "To me, this is such a big deal, and I am so excited I get to share my love for NSU with upcoming freshmen with the hope that they will love it as much as I do. I get to help freshmen make the transition from high school to college, and I get to show them all the great things that NSU has to offer. I am so excited."

Freshmen Connectors play a vital role in enrollment for NSU, as well as helping to make the transition from high school to college as smooth as possible.

They become the faces of NSU for incoming freshman, helping them find classes and make decisions, as well as helping them to get involved and become leaders on campus.

The connectors strive to make incoming freshmen have an easy and enjoyable experience when entering in the Fall at NSU.

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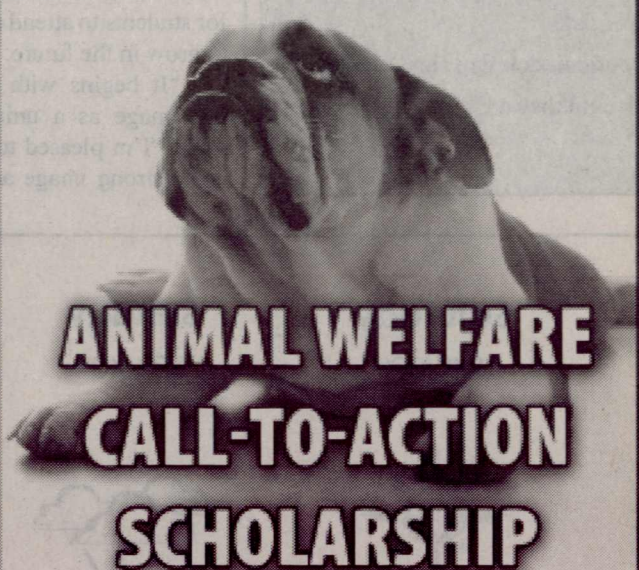
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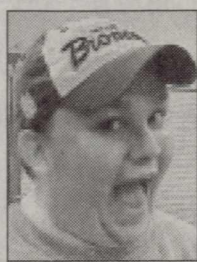
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# BS'in with the Bull: 10 things that need to stay in 2010

## Guys vs. Gals

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



this great paper.

Now, before you get all teary eyed, I'll be here all semester, so don't cry now. We will talk about that later.

Anyway, now on to the topic of the day.

It's a bit of a dangerous topic, but lets talk about the difference between boys and girls' minds.

This is a list that I have been kicking around in my head for when I had nothing else to write about and that just so happens to be this week.

So enjoy.

When a boy is quiet, he generally has nothing to say.

When a boy is not arguing, he is not in the mood to argue.

When a boy looks at you with eyes full of questions, he is generally confused.

When a boy answers "I'm fine" after a few seconds, he is perfectly

fine.

When a boy stares at you...he is either angry or amazed, but generally amazed.

When a boy lies in your lap, he is wishing for you to be his forever.

When a boy calls you everyday, he is spending a lot of talk time and minutes to get your attention. Also as a side note, boys hate talking on the phone.

When a boy texts you everyday, he is more than likely glad you didn't call him.

When a boy says I love you, trust me it's not his first time.

When a boy says I can't live without you, it means "I think I can put up with you for like at least a week longer."

Trust me ladies it's not as bad as I make it seem. For the most part, all guys are like puppies.

As long as you feed us and rub our head, belly or that special spot, that makes our leg kick like crazy, we will be your's forever.

Although, there is an exception to every rule.

Now on to the girls.

Now I must add before I get to the list that these are in my personal experiences, and by no means do I think all girls are like this but I got a feeling that most are.

When a girl is quiet, literally millions of things are running

through her mind.

When a girl is not arguing, she is in deep thought about the words she will use for her opening argument of said argument.

When a girl looks at you with eyes full of questions, she is curious as to how long you will be around.

When a girl answers "I'm fine," by no stretch of the imagination is she fine. So as a guy you should probably think about every wrong thing you have done in the last 24 hours.

When a girl stares at you, she is wondering why you are lying to her.

When a girl lies on his chest, she is wishing that he will be her's forever.

When a girl calls you everyday, she is trying uber hard to get your attention.

When a girl texts you everyday, she is really hoping that you will actually reply to one, today.

When a girl says I love you, she generally means it and has made up her mind that you are her future.

When a girl says "I can't live without you," it means that no one in this world can miss you more than she does right now at this moment.

Now ladies before you kill me these are my personal examples.

Although, I do believe that the guys that read this will agree with me.

Z.K. McLendon  
Staff Columnist



Well friends, it's a new year.

Time to say goodbye to the baggage of 2010 and start fresh

in 2011. This should apply, not only to the individual, but to our society as a whole.

So to start this new year off right, I have concocted a list of the top ten annoyances that we as a culture should leave in 2010.

Here we go:

Bret Michaels- The former Poisson front man should have given it up when big hair and tight spandex went out of style. But unfortunately for us, Bret still lingers around on numerous reality shows, clinging desperately to the limelight. It's starting to get sad, Bret.

No Homo- This seems to be the "hip" motto for the homophobic community, and it's absolutely ridiculous. However, it does make it easier to pick out the folks that aren't comfortable with their own sexual-

ity.

Kate Gosselin- After her marriage fell apart and her show was cancelled on TLC, you would think that Gosselin's main priority would be her eight kids, right? No. Instead, she got plastic surgery and went on any reality show that would have her. Defiantly not mother-of-the-year material, but damn it, she can dance.

Bridalplasty- I always thought that marriage was a sacred bond between two people who accept each other for who they are, imperfections and all... and then I saw this show. But I guess everyone deserves a chance to love someone for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health for as long as they live...or until the botox wears off.

Nickelback- I would rather listen to nails on a chalkboard than hear Chad Kroeger croak out any more songs. Do us all a favor and go back to Canada.

Lindsay Lohan- She's in rehab, she's out of rehab, she's in, she's out, just pick a lifestyle and stick with it. Besides lots and lots of drugs and one mediocre movie, what did Lohan actually do in 2010?

A big heaping pile of nothing. Put that in your pipe and smoke it,

Lohan.

Budget Cuts- Of course this dastardly friend was going to make its way on to my list. Budget cuts were the cause of a lot of people's troubles in 2010 and they are still causing many problems. Jindal really screwed the pooch on that one.

Brett Favre- Time to hang the helmet and pads up, Brett, before you break a hip or something. But at least in retirement you can focus more on your Wranglers and sexting skills.

Vampires- Why is there such a lustful obsession with these blood-suckers? First of all, they don't exist. Second, even if they did exist, vampires are creatures that have no blood running through their veins, which means all the Viagra in the world wouldn't help little Edward.

Snooki- I have to admit that I was one of the millions that got sucked into *Jersey Shore* when it first came out. It's like watching a train wreck that leaves your hair blown and your fist pumping. But now I keep asking myself one question: Are their 15-minutes up yet?

So there you have it, my list of the top ten annoyances that we should leave in 2010.

I hope everyone has a great semester and a terrific year.

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## Facebook gone?

Amber Neikirk  
Practicum Student



Just the other day, the social networking giant probably has some of you questioning when the last time was that you checked the site, grabbing for your BlackBerry, iPhones and Droids to see if you have a new notification.

Ever notice how our culture has become so obsessed with being in constant communication with each other?

We live our lives by what is said and done on Facebook—heck, I check mine as soon as my alarm clock goes off in the morning.

But what did we do before this site found its way into every part of our lives and what will we do after it ends?

Facebook ENDING?  
What is this awfulness of which I speak?

Yes, my dears, one day, Facebook will end, though thankfully, it does not look as if it will be anytime in the near future.

Creator Mark Zuckerberg was named Time's Person of the Year for 2010 and the world's youngest billionaire.

The movie based on the site looks to be a very promising Oscar contender, the Facebook app is one of the most downloaded of all time and Facebook just surpassed Google as the number one most visited site of 2010.

Facebook ending?

I must be crazy.

What prompted such a conclusion, you ask?

It was announced earlier this month that Goldman Sachs, a "global investment banking and securities firm focused on investment banking, securities services, investment management and other financial services," invested a pretty nice chunk of change—\$450 million, to be exact—in the social networking site, according to The New York Times, and has offered its clients to do the same, though they must come up with \$2 million of their own money to even think about owning some of the Facebook glory.

Basically, Zuckerberg is a smart cookie—he knows that he can't pull a Peter Pan and cash in while he and his billion-dollar baby are a hot commodity.

The same has happened to other social sites before—take MySpace, for example.

Remember when it was all you could do not to log on to MySpace 12 million times a day...back when it was cool?

In 2005, when News Corpora-

tion, owned by media giant Rupert Murdoch, bought the website for \$580 million, the site was one of top ten most visited sites on the Internet and now has dropped off the top 50 charts.

Owner News Corp. announced last week that they would be cutting 47% of MySpace's core workforce.

What about Friendster, anyone remember that?

Before the days of MySpace and Facebook, the now-unknown social networking site was huge, boasting millions of users and promised that everyone you knew could be found there.

Cut to two years later and the founder leaves due to technical problems and major falling-out with his backers.

Though it's still around, it now advertises itself as a "social gaming platform" and is enjoying immense popularity in Asia.

My point is this: our society trends towards the new-and-improved, rather than the tried-and-true, and Zuckerberg, like many before him, recognizes this fact.

Just because something is in and very hot right now doesn't mean that it will be in a few months.

Enjoy it while you can, because I can guarantee some other genius is off creating the next big thing as you read this.

Oh, look, I have three notifications and a friend request...

## The look book

Tiffany Hall  
Practicum Student



right now, and wondering,

"What's the Look Book?"

Well, we're going to get into that in just a second.

First, here is an intro about yours truly.

My name is Tiffany Hall, and I am a junior journalism major and HMT minor.

I am currently employed at The Hall Tree in Natchitoches.

Now in no means, am I a fashion expert, but I have picked up a few tips and tricks over the years and I have pictures to prove it.

Right now I am a practicum stu-

dent, which means that I will have the pleasure of writing for the paper over the next 16 weeks.

To further acquaint us, I thought that I would tell you two random facts about myself.

Random fact one: I am a proud owner of a lime green and purple Shake Weight.

I've only used it two times in the six months that I've had it, but I can tell you that it does work.

Random fact two: I am a speed demon.

Okay, if anyone knows what kind of car I drive, then nine times out of 10 you have seen me fly around town, literally.

I don't mean to, I just have a heavy foot.

So, if I have cut you off in traffic or nearly caused you to wreck, I apologize.

Now that we have gotten all of the formalities out of the way, you're probably still scratching your head and wondering,

"What is she talking about?"

Well, I'm glad that you asked.

My main goal with this column is not to tell you how to dress or to tell you what to do.

My purpose is to only help enhance your personal style.

With this column I want to try and tackle all different aspects whether it's suggesting where you should find your next outfit or how to properly budget for your next shopping trip.

I also plan on telling you all of the latest trends and what to look for in stores.

Also, I want to tell you all of the latest makeup trends for the coming season and throw in a few hairstyles as well.

Along with the print version of the column, I have personally started a blog online, since I am a visual type of person.

There I will add pictures and will write even more on the blog throughout the week.

I'm really excited about this column.

I would love for you all to interact back with me.

Come by our office, 227 Kyser, and apply to become a staff writer for The Current Sauce. Meetings start at 6 p.m. every Monday. We hope to hear from you.

-The Current Sauce staff

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# Demon basketball make it two in a row

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

The Demon basketball team improved its Southland Conference record to 2-1 after defeating the University of Central Arkansas Bears in an 80-79 overtime win, Saturday in Conway, Ark.

The win came after the team ended its five-game losing streak Wednesday night when the Demons beat the visiting Colonels of Nicholls State University.

Senior Will Pratt, who is averaging 17.6 points per game, led the Demons in scoring with a career-high 30-point performance.

Pratt's performance was key as he helped the Demons come back from a 10-point deficit.

"Will Pratt just put us on his back and carried us when we turned the game around and got back in it," 12th-year NSU coach Mike McConathy said.

McConathy added that the Demons' defense improved significantly while the team played with their backs against the wall.

The Demons were able to send the game in overtime after being down by four in the final seconds of regulation.

After a layup by Shamir Davis and a steal by Louis Ellis, Devon Baker sank two free throws to tie the game at 73-all, forcing an overtime

period.

"That's when we found that extra gear and turned this around, by cranking up the intensity to a high level and defending and rebounding aggressively. It took that to beat UCA who just made it so tough on us with how hard they played," McConathy said.

"I was proud that we had several guys step in and make big plays for us coming down the stretch and in overtime," McConathy said.

NSU never trailed in overtime in a game that saw 17 lead changes. Baker went 3 of 4 from the foul line while Ellis and Davis added two of their own. Baker scored 13 points while Davis added 12 to NSU's total.

This game marked the seventh straight win over UCA for the Demons with five of those games ending by one point.

"I can't explain it, but we have some tremendous basketball games with UCA," said McConathy. "They've been fun. This one was no different."

The Demons return to action tonight for another SLC game against University of Texas at San Antonio.

After that, the team remains home for a double-header this weekend against rival McNeese State University before the team heads on the road for two games.



Senior Will Pratt changes his shot in the air, but still scores on the UCA defender.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

## Remaining Home Schedule

UTSA- Jan. 19

McNeese State- Jan. 22

Central Arkansas- Feb. 2

Lamar- Feb. 5

SELU- Feb. 12

Texas- Arlington- Feb. 26

SFA- March 5



## Indoor track season begins Second half slump hurts the Demons

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Northwestern State senior All-American thrower Trecey Rew had the highest marks for the NSU men's and women's track team Saturday at the Texas A&M Conference Challenge. The meet opened NSU's 2011 indoor season.

Rew cruised to a first place finish in the weight throw with a mark of 57-9 3/4, more than three feet more than the second place finish.

She also placed second in the shot put when she marked 52-6. Skylar White of Baylor won the even with an automatic qualifying toss of 55-8 1/4.

Also in the women's shot, Lady Demon freshman Keona Jackson placed sixth with a 42-7 mark and

sophomore Chantel Bratton was eighth with a throw of 41-8.

Two other Lady Demon athletes place in the weight throw as Janae Allen finished sixth with a 49-11 mark and Bratton 10th at 43-1 1/2.

Also on the women's side, Karen Ellis had a fifth place finish in the mile run with a time of 5:27.57.

She was part of the distance medley relay team, along with Lwanna Perkins, Andrea Warren, and Allison Fontenot, that finished second with a time of 12:57.75 - 45 seconds behind winner Baylor.

Keyera Thomas had a seventh place finish in the high jump after a clearing mark of 5-3 3/4 and the 1600 meter relay team closed out the meet with a seventh place finish at 3:51.44.

On the men's side, the Demons went without highly touted sophomore Justin Walker but did get a third place finish in the 60 meter hurdles from P.J. Bennett who was clocked at 8.27. The distance medley relay time comprised of Robert Carrier, Michael Barnes, Richard Trent, and Chris Lanier, finished third with a time of 11:21.97.

In the field events, Chris Greer had a fifth place finish in the triple jump after a mark of 47-3 while also placing 10th in the long jump with a leap of 21-10 1/4. And Josh Commiato was fifth in the high jump after clearing 6-6 3/4.

Both teams will be back in action in two weeks when they take part in the two-day Houston Indoor Invitational & Multi's event.



Meredith Graf scores a field goal from beyond the arc.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student

During winter, the Lady Demon basketball team was busy trying to put more "W's" on their record.

As of December 16 the Lady Demons had played a total of 10 games and had a record of 4-6, three of the four wins happening at Prather Coliseum.

The Lady Demons lost the next two games at home before getting a week off to bring in the New Year. They opened 2011 with a 76-59 win over LSU Shreveport.

The Lady Demons welcomed their first conference opponents the Lady Bobcats from Texas State next.

The Lady Bobcats were greeted with a strong defensive effort from NSU who allowed only 11 offensive rebounds the entire game.

The Lady Demons forced the Bobcats into 26 turnovers which they were able to turn into 25 points. It was the tenth game this season that they were able to get 20 or more mistakes from the opposition.

The Bobcats came into the game averaging at least three players in double figures on the stat sheet, but against the Demons they only had a single player score 10 points.

"Everybody was doing what we asked them to do, and it was the best that we've rotated on the defensive end," Jennifer Graf, NSU Head Coach, said.

On the offensive end Brittiany Houston exploded with a season high 22 points and Jordan James had another double-digit scoring game with 12 points, making it her seventh straight game in double figures.

After 2 double digit wins in a row at home, the Lady Demons traveled, for the first time during the new year, to take on the Lady Colonels of Nicholls State University.

The away team took it to the opposition early but after blowing a 16 point lead in the second half, the Demons were held without a basket for the 9 minutes during which Nicholls was able to tie the game up at 67, with 2 minutes left in the game.

Bradley was about to come up with an offensive board that led to a Jordan James layup with 47 seconds

remaining to give the Lady Demons a 69-67 lead. Houston sealed the deal when she sank one of two free throws with 19 seconds left to make it 70-67 and clinch a third straight win for the Lady Demons.

After opening 2011 with a 3 game winning streak the Lady Demons suffered their first conference loss of the season falling to Central Arkansas, 70-52, losing their first home game since December 28.

Despite a 9th straight double digit scoring game from Jordan James, who led the Demons with 14 points, they were unable to stop the Sugar Bears in the 2nd half as they outscored NSU 43-19.

"They went with what was working for them on the offensive end which was them just dribble-attacking us," Graf said. "That was how they scored probably 40 of their 43 second half points. We weren't doing a very good job at all defensively with our rotations."

The Lady Demons look to rebound against UTSA when they travel to San Antonio, Texas on Wednesday January 20.

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## Anonymous source donates over \$1M

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

At the end of semester, NSU received an anonymous pledge of \$1,070,000 to help fund academics and athletics.

The pledge will be given as an estate gift and marks the single largest donation in university history.

Upon the donor's request, half of the funds will go toward academics and the other half will go toward athletics.

"This pledge really gives you a good feeling in your heart," NSU President Randall Webb said.

Because the deferred donation will be given as part of the donor's estate, Webb explained there is no real timeline as to when NSU will actually receive the gift.

Webb said he and his staff have not decided specifically where the money will be spent, but said it will go toward establishing endowed academic and athletic scholarships.

Webb said he is extremely grateful for the pledge and spoke highly

of the anonymous giver.

"Anyone who would do this must be a kind, generous person who has a deep love for NSU," he said. "This person has a deep appreciation of the university and desires to see two major parts of Northwestern State flourish."

Webb said he hopes this gift will lead to more in the future.

"This type of gift has the potential to inspire us to evaluate our ability to give back to this school," he said.

## SGA prepares for new semester

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

With only two months left in his term, President Mark Daniels said his primary goal is to ensure his predecessor and new Student Government Association cabinet members are prepared when they take office.

Daniels said he is doing so by informing senators of the organization's constitution and the current budget situation the school is in.

"I'm making sure everyone first has a firm grasp of the SGA bylaws, so that everybody will know their responsibilities before they get in office," Daniels said.

"Then, I'm making sure everyone knows the facts surrounding budget cuts and what they can expect in the future."

By doing so, the transition period between the changing of office will be shorter and more productive, Daniels said.

This semester, Daniels said the SGA is focusing on finding ways to appropriately spend additional funds

received from the new student fee referendum passed last semester.

Because the SGA is now receiving funds from students who do not attend classes on the Natchitoches campus, Daniels said he and newly appointed Interim Treasurer Zech Jones are working together to ensure funds are being designated to go toward the new body of students.

Jones said the SGA received an estimated \$5,000 from the new fee referendum.

"I want to make sure I have money set aside for [online and non-Natchitoches campus students] once we decide how the money should be used," he said.

Daniels said most of this funding will be used for the SGA's transportation to NSU's campuses and video conference equipment, which would allow the organization to expand its representation to more students.

Other issues that Daniels plans to address this semester include, working with Sodexo to allow students to use their declining balance on their meal plans at concession

stands at sporting events, deciding how to spend the Student Technology fee funds of roughly \$200,000 and refining the new online fee payment system.

"I like to think that I've always done what's best for the students, and I hope to continue to do so until the end," Daniels said.

Today at 2:00 p.m. in the NSU 22 television studio, Daniels will be talking more about his plans and giving an update on the SGA during his State of the University Address.

The speech will be filmed and played on NSU 22 and YouTube.



Photo by Gary Hardamond

Pictured above is the illustration of the completed Student Services Center on display at the project's ground-breaking ceremony last semester. Construction began last semester and is still expected to be completed January 2012.

## Student Services Center construction on schedule

Ty Johnson  
Staff Reporter

The construction of the new Student Services Center is progressing toward completion for 2012, NSU Physical Plant Director Chuck Bourg said.

Construction workers have laid the majority of the underground work, such as piping and plumbing. Within the next few weeks, the team will add structural steel beams to begin the framing of the center.

Bourg said that despite the rainy weather the last few days, it has not hindered progress on the building.

"We've been blessed," Bourg said. "We've had rain the last couple of days, but the weather has been phenomenal as far as construction goes, so we're not behind schedule."

The Student Services Center will be located on the site of the former West Caspari Hall.

It will provide students with an enrollment area and financial aid in the same facility.

It will house the offices of University Recruiting, Student Success and New Student Programs, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Undergraduate and International Admissions and Enrollment Management including the Registrar's office, Student Accounting and One Card Office.

These offices are now in four separate buildings.

The three-story, 34,451 square-foot building is funded from the \$98.4 million in surplus funds from the 2007-08 budget year set aside by Gov. Bobby Jindal and the state legislature for construction projects for state colleges and universities.

The project was expected to be complete within 15 months, but Bourg predicts the center will be finished before that.

"Everything is going according

to plans so far," Bourg said.

"I believe the building will be finished before Jan. 2012, but everything will be moved inside by that spring semester."

Bourg is not the only one anticipating the Student Services Center opening.

Sophomore accounting major Ashley Sylve said she's looking forward to the convenience of having the most of the student services all in one building.

"It beats having to drive or walk to different buildings on campus to get things taken care of," Sylve said.

"This project is really catering to the students."

The Student Services building will be the first new state-funded building for student use on campus since the new wing of the A.A. Fredricks Center for Creative and Performing Arts was built in 1981.

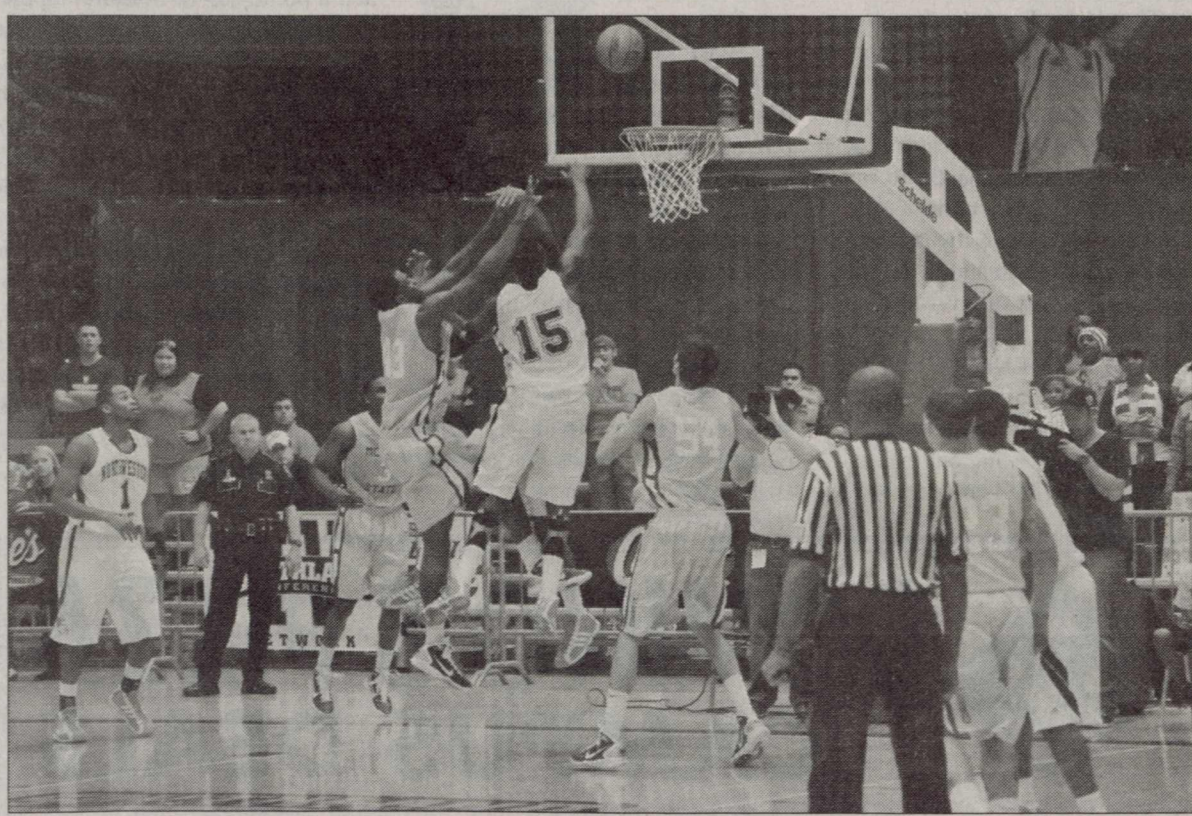


Photo by Edward Johnson/ The Current Sauce

Senior forward Will Pratt takes a shot during the NSU Demons' victory against the McNeese State University Cowboys. The Demons forced the game to overtime and won 87-77. For more details on the game, check out Jimmie Walker's story on the sports page.

## Criminal justice scholarships available

Press Release courtesy of:  
NSU News Bureau  
Leah Jackson

The Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences is now accepting applications for the 2011 Criminal Justice memorial scholarships, the Frank C. Kyle Memorial Scholarship, the Glen Denning DeVane Memorial Scholarship, the Bradley Alan Daughtry Memorial Scholarship and the Doyle and Barbara Bailey Criminal Justice Scholarship.

Applications will be accepted through Feb. 24. Students may apply by submitting an application which includes an essay requirement addressing their plans to impact and contribute to their criminal justice career, and explaining how their degree will help them accomplish their goals.

Additional requirements for consideration for these scholarships include a major in criminal justice, an overall minimum grade point average of 2.5, a minimum major grade point average of 3.0, and for three of the four scholarships, junior or senior status. One application can be used for all scholarship opportunities.

These scholarships will be awarded in spring 2011 at the Liberal Arts Honor's Convocation to students majoring in criminal justice, with the award amounts presented in the fall and spring [\$250 at the start of the fall semester and \$250 at the start of the spring semester]. A student may be awarded each scholarship one time only.

Students interested in applying for these scholarships may download the scholarship application <<http://www.nsula.edu/criminaljustice/docs/ScholarshipApplication.pdf>> from the Department of Criminal Justice, History, & Social Sciences website, <http://criminaljustice.nsula.edu/scholarships/>, and return it with all supporting materials to:

Department of Criminal Justice, History, and Social Sciences, 103 Keyser Hall, NSU Box 5273, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

Deadline for applications is 3 p.m. Feb. 24.



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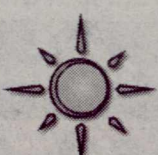
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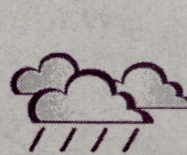
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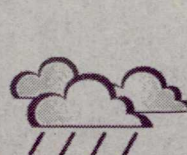
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## NSU graduates prepare for unknown future

Natalie Stewart  
Practicum Student

Students spend hours in classes, studying and doing homework in hopes of walking across the stage in Prather Coliseum and receiving their diploma.

All of the hard work finally seems to pay off and all the plans made for the future are now in the present.

After spending countless hours trying to make it to graduation day, students begin preparing for their future and accomplishing career goals that they set for themselves.

Roneeka Hill, senior English major, has applied to several law schools both in and out of state to further pursue her career goals.

Hill plans to practice juvenile law and start her own non-profit organization to aid in the rehabilitation of at-risk youth, homeless and

disadvantaged teenagers. She will be entering law school in the fall after she chooses which school she wants to attend.

"I fell in love with NSU my junior year in high school after visiting Natchitoches for a campus tour," Hill said. "I loved how hospitable everyone I came in contact with was. I felt important to the administrators here from day one and that has yet to change even as I approach graduation. I have enjoyed my time here being very involved on campus, serving on our SGA Cabinet, being Lieutenant of the Purple Pizzazz Pomline, being a Freshman Connector and being President of the Purple Jacket Honor Society."

Jeffrey Sholar, senior Journalism major, plans to attend graduate school in journalism to obtain a master's degree.

Sholar later plans to work in the journalism industry until retirement, where he then plans to teach journal-

ism at a university.

"It has been an experience that I will never forget," Sholar said. "NSU has taught me that life is more than just academic. I have so many connections here that I know I will keep in the future. I am well prepared for whatever is going to happen in the future."

Ryan Humphrey, senior Industrial Engineering Technology major, plans to go to work, save money and get married after graduating from NSU.

"Not sure where I will be working just yet," Humphrey said, "but I have a few companies lined up for interviews. I have had a really great experience at Northwestern. It is a good school and I am glad I chose it."

As these graduating seniors endure their last semester at NSU they have their plans for the future in sight and a great deal of satisfaction with their time spent at NSU.

## Spring recruitment kicks off for Greek Life

Jessica Weeks  
Sauce Reporter

Spring recruitment for the Greek organizations on NSU's campus has begun!

Spring recruitment gives students who are interested in Greek Life an opportunity to find a sorority or fraternity that fits him or her best. Members from the three councils, or divisions of Greek Life, the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the College Panhellenic Council (CPC) and Inter Fraternal Council (IFC) all agree that going Greek is a way to get more involved on campus and in the community, meet a diverse group of people and find a home away from home.

Solomon Matthews, president of Theta Chi Fraternity (IFC), said, "I believe Greek Life is so important to have on campus because not only do we have and provide fun, we also offer service events and projects for NSU's campus and community."

To students who may be nervous or hesitant about becoming active in Greek Life, Brooke Nielson, Membership Director for Phi Mu Fraternity (CPC), said, "Get involved in recruitment anyway. You will never know if Greek Life is for you unless you go through recruitment. It's a great way to see where you feel more comfortable at and

which fraternity or sorority fits your individual interests."

Members of Greek Life on NSU's campus often express their love and pride of being involved in their sorority or fraternity.

Juliette Gray, president of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (NPHC), said, "Greek Life has given me the opportunity to have a strong sisterhood that encourages me to hone my leadership skills, and has enabled me to recognize a sense of unity amongst the Greek community on campus."

There are many upcoming events where students can meet the different sororities and fraternities on campus.

NPHC will be having an all-Greek informational Jan. 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

IFC fraternities will have the following events:

Pi Kappa Phi will be hosting a Super Bowl party starting at 4:30 p.m. at their house on University Parkway, across from the library parking lot.

Tau Kappa Epsilon will be having an informational and poker night Jan. 29 at 7:00 p.m. at their house on Greek Hill.

Theta Chi Fraternity's informational has already happened, but they will still be recruiting. Their next event will be a service project to clean up the area surrounding the Union on campus.

Kappa Sigma will have open recruitment everyday, but they are already focusing a lot of their energy on a volleyball tournament benefit for Mr. Johnny Antoon in the second week of April.

Sigma Nu will be having weekly cookouts at a different member's house, so ask a member to get a location.

Kappa Alpha Order will be having a Super Bowl party at their house on Second Street starting at 3:00 p.m.

CPC sororities will be having the following events:

The College Panhellenic Council is hosting a joint event on Feb. 8 in the Alley at 6:00 p.m. with a theme of "I heart Greek life."

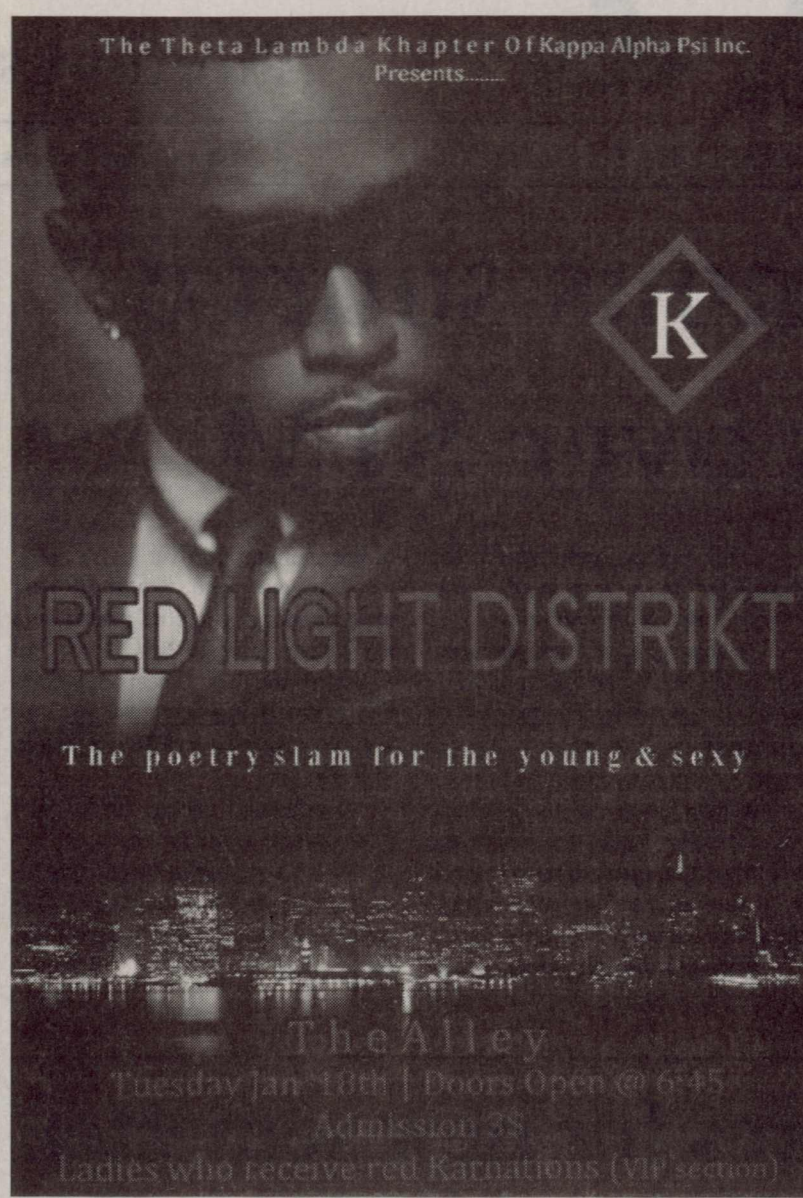
This event will serve as a way for the four sororities to meet non-Greek girls and to push Greek life as a whole.

Alpha Omicron Pi will be having an open house Feb. 3 at 7:00 p.m. at their house on Greek Hill.

Phi Mu Fraternity will be hosting an open house on Feb. 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Phi Mu house by Chaplin's Lake.

Alpha Sigma Alpha will be having an informational in the Union on Feb. 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Sigma Sigma Sigma has already received all their members for the spring, but have plenty of events coming up as well.



Pictured above is the flyer for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. poetry night.

## Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. hosts poetry night

Ty Johnson  
Staff Reporter

The Theta Lambda chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their first poetry slam of the semester last week.

Although poetry slams are not uncommon on campus, the fraternity added a spin to their slam.

In effort to cater to their female supporters, the members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. held a raffle. The winners were given red carnations and escorted to a V.I.P. section by a member of the fraternity.

The fraternity charged three dollars and if attendees brought canned goods, they were allowed entrance with a dollar off.

The slam offered nearly a dozen acts that included rap, poetry and R & B selections.

Host Brandon Blake, fraternity member, said despite a few acts dropping out, he managed to keep the show moving smoothly.

"One thing that my fraternity taught me is to stay calm in any situation so I just kept a level head and remained cool," Blake said. "We ran into a lot of obstacles, but we're learning how to run events, how to market [and] how to delegate authority. We're working out the kinks so in the future, we know what to do

and what to expect."

Blake and his fraternity brothers planned and prepared for the poetry slam less than a week.

Despite being pressed for time, Blake was confident in their ability to pull it off and produce something that people weren't expecting.

"People want something different," Blake said. "People want to be intellectually stimulated sometimes."

Senior business major Victor Karnady said he liked the idea that Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. were beginning to host events that catered mentally to its audience.

"I enjoy being mentally stimulated," Karnady said. "Parties are fun, but sometimes I just want to listen to other people's creative talents."

Blake said this event is the start of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. hosting events this semester that provoke deep and positive thinking such as forums on relevant topics and more poetry slams.

Also, there are plans in the works to visit local schools, holding clothing drives and participating in other helpful activities around the community.

"I don't want Greek Life to stray away from one of its original purposes—community service," Blake said.

## The Look Book: Finding your personal style

Tiffany Hall  
Practicum Student

Every morning when I wake up, I pretty much have the same thought and problem, "What am I going to wear today?"

As I dig through my closet, dresser drawers, my under-the-bed clothes containers and portable storage bins, I pull out a lot of items that look the same; V-neck t-shirts, skinny jeans and different colored tank tops.

Insert a big "sigh" right here. My personal style is generally laid back, on most days.

Finding your personal style is not a hard task to accomplish. Like I said in my first column my purpose here is to not tell you how to dress, just to enhance your style.

I had an eye doctor's appointment last semester and as I waited for my doctor to come, his assistant prepped my eyes and asked me who did I learn how to dress from. I simply told her "trial and error."

If you personally know me, then you should know that two of my favorite shows have been Laguna Beach and The Hills because of Lauren Conrad. I try to adapt her laid-back California style and tweak it to make it my own.

Now trust me, I have gone through possibly every style and trend known to man.

Well, maybe except for the "punk-rock" look.

I've finally learned while I am shopping I try to visualize my closet as I'm holding that item and see if I can make it fit into my wardrobe.

I have also found that shopping with friends, as they are showing me a dress that they think I should try on, the only response that they might get from me is a scrunched up face and a polite "eww." While I appreciate their opinion, sometimes you only know what's best for you.

Finding your personal style is based on you. At the end of the day, it's all about what you like, and it's based on what you feel comfortable with.

Some of my best outfits have been outfits that I've felt the most confident and comfortable in.

Let me know what you want to see or tell me what I should include.

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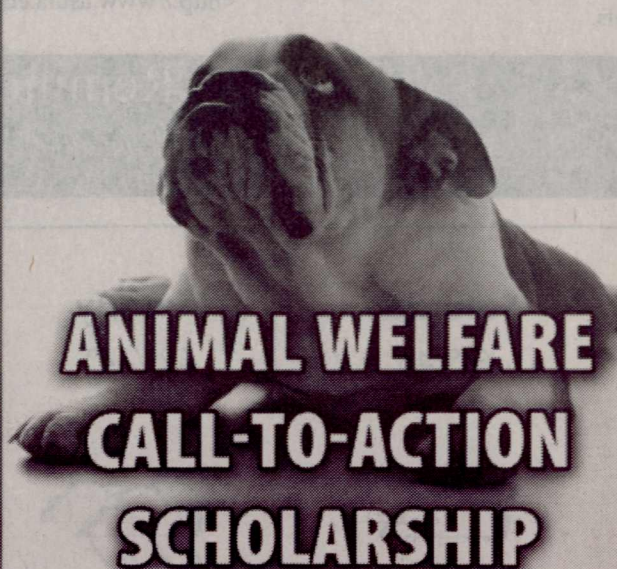
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## BS' in with the Bull

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



I was asked the other day what is a good way to be a slacker and still get your work done. At first I was appalled that I was asked because I thought I had done a better job of covering up the fact that I was a slacker.

Then I realized that this is a great time to educate those that have stress filled jobs, class schedules and lives in general.

Take it from me, I have a very stress-free life because I am what you would call an "effective slacker." That simply means I get my required work done as fast as I possibly can and then just goof off for the rest of the time.

If you too would like to have this life all you have to do is follow these six simple steps and you too can enjoy a stress free life.

I want to throw in a disclaimer that I am using a hypothetical office setting to convey these steps, but trust me they work everywhere, and yes including school.

**1. Don't volunteer yourself for anything.** Whether a request comes via e-mail or in a meeting, don't ever get yourself involved in something that isn't mandatory. If no one else volunteers, they'll eventually assign someone. Until they do, bank on the fact that a go-getter will jump at the opportunity. Getting yourself into non-mandatory activities only threatens to reduce your free time, or even worse, increase your physical hours at work.

**2. Always send e-mails when making a request to another employee.** Others at the office love to schedule 30-60 minute meetings to make sure "everything is covered" or to schedule a "kick-off" or "walk-through" before handing off an "action item" to another employee. This is dumb because if you can't convey what you need done via e-mail, then it doesn't need to be done.

**3. Never inform people that you finish things early.** Delivering on time is just as good, no reason to be over ambitious. Getting things done early is highly recommended but only for your own advantage. Finding out you just received three days to do absolutely nothing is like waking up on Christmas morning as a child and finding Nintendo's Rad Racer under the tree.

**4. Learn how to sneak out of the office early and often.** Not being at work doesn't make you less effective, everything is already done.

**5. Never allow others to take credit for your work.** As an incredibly lazy member of your office, you need to ensure that all of your work is credited to you. Your deliverables are all you have because it's the only work you do between the internet browsing and coin flips for cold beverages in the break room. Without your impressive deliverables you are the guy who takes long lunches and is next in line for being laid off. Sending a threatening e-mail in all caps is enough to scare most corporate employees from stealing your work.

**6. On especially lazy days, if your office has wi-fi, book a conference room with other effective slackers for the entire day.** Bring your laptops in and your workday pretty much consists of vulgar conversation, keeping up on incoming e-mails and determining who can throw a paper airplane the furthest on the first throw or perhaps who the best ninja turtle is.

So there you have it. These are the best ways that I know how to be productive and a slacker at all times.

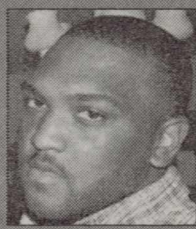
## Demons on the street

How would you spend \$1M for NSU if you had it your way?



Logan McConathy  
senior journalism major

The half that goes to athletics should be used to update the out dated facilities. There are a few things that need just simple updates. The academic half should be used to fill the teaching positions that were cut due to budget cuts.



Ronnie Washington  
senior BUAD major

If I had it my way I would apply a \$100 credit to everyone's account balance who pays out of pocket and attends Naethitoches Campus, then give 30,000 to athletics and SAB for consumption of all organizations that put on campus wide events and give the rest to education and the business building so that we can get our printers back towards education.



Jordan McLamore  
senior fashion merchandising major

I think that 3/4 should go to academics and 1/4 should go to athletics. I know athletics generates a good amount of revenue, but with the state that the academic programs are in, I would say use the money to keep as many programs available with as many professors as we can.



Russ Gremillion  
freshmen general studies

\$500,000 into athletics? I think that's a little much because the football team did "well" last season doesn't mean we should throw money at it. This is a University, not a 4-year sports camp.



Roneeka Hill  
senior English major

Facility members have been cut and the library has no books. Our departments are in need of that money, whereas athletics could manage without it.

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## Come on, get happy

Amber Neikirk  
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Work. School. Bills. Rent. Since starting college in the fall of 2007, these four things have been the bane of my existence.

Don't get me wrong, there are some nights that I am able to squeeze in a few hours of down time and unwind a bit.

For the most part, though, I'm like many other college students, I have been running since I enrolled in college and haven't stopped yet.

Some days I want an escape from the everyday, just something to make me smile for a bit.

We all do. Harvard University seems to understand that plight: this semester they began offering a 16-week course on happiness—a full semester-long study on what it is, how to get there, the psychology behind it, etc.

Well, forgive me for somewhat undermining one of the most prestigious universities on the planet, but I think I can help you all out with that.

It will take far less time than 16 weeks and as a bonus, there will be no tests.

The dictionary defines happiness as "a state of well-being char-

acterized by emotions ranging from contentment to intense joy," but that doesn't tell you much.

So, as a basic breakdown, happiness is what you make it and is different for everyone.

For example, some people get really happy when they exercise. Studies show that exercising releases endorphins, so it's no wonder that people are so peppy when they walk out of the gym.

However, I know many people who despise the thought of working out. For some, happiness comes from spending time with their families.

Still, there are others who would rather be anywhere than near relatives.

But I'm betting you already knew these things, which means you already know what happiness is.

The better question is how to get there. This is the tricky part.

So as not to overwhelm myself, I'll just tell you how I think you can go about being happy in certain unpleasant situations.

Situation one: When you absolutely hate your job. Remind yourself that you're only there temporarily and that something bigger is out there waiting.

After all, you're in college for that very reason. If that still doesn't help, think about all the things that make you a good employee—give yourself some credit!

Situation two: When he/she hasn't called, texted, Facebook'd,

etc. It's tough to be optimistic about this one, especially when you're really in to him/her, but just remind yourself that if he/she liked you then someone else will too—someone that won't waste your time.

Move on to the next one! Situation three: When you've done something or are about to make a decision that your family hates.

Okay, I've been there.

Take in to account that your family more than likely has your best interests at heart and hear them out, but explain to them why you're making this choice and that it ultimately will make or made you happy.

The best way of explaining is often visually, so as long as the choice you're making is legal and won't harm anyone, prove to them that you know what you're doing and do it—just be prepared for any and all consequences!

Other ways to be happy on an everyday basis: sing your favorite song at the top of your lungs in your car, go on a roadtrip for the weekend, go out with friends, stay in bed all day and watch movies, have a long talk with your best friend, eat chocolate, YouTube the "laughing baby" video, or do something for someone less fortunate.

A final thought: what makes you happy won't necessarily make your friends happy and many times you'll have to defend it to your family, but, as Sheryl Crow once sang, "If it makes you happy, it can't be that bad."

## Fat America

Z.K. McLendon  
Staff Columnist



We are a nation. There's no denying this fact. When the Center for Disease Control and Prevention set a *Healthy People 2010* obesity target of 15 percent, not one state met its goal, according to the CDC's Web site.

And to top it off, Louisiana is ranked as one of the top ten fattest states in the country with a whopping 33 percent of its population suffering from obesity.

So who's to blame? Because if there's anything Americans are good at, besides scoffing down calories, it's finding someone to blame.

The most popular target of this obesity crusade is the fast food business.

Let me paint a picture for you: It's lunchtime and you feel a rumble in your stomach.

You decide to go to Taco Bell because it's quick, convenient and cheap.

When you get there, you decide to order a number ten, which consists of a Mexican pizza, two tacos and a 30-ounce drink. You enjoy the meal and it's happy days.

But little do you know that that meal comes to a grand total of 1260 calories, according to Taco Bell's nutritional facts hidden strategically behind the counter.

That is nearly half of the government's recommended daily calorie intake in one meal. And when you add what you had for breakfast and dinner on top of that, you are looking at well over 3000 calories in one day.

In fast foods defense, they do offer healthy choices on their menus, but these can be deceiving.

One of the salad dressings that McDonald's Corp. provides contains 280 calories per serving.

But if you look closely on the back, there are actually 2.5 servings in one packet of dressing, according to research conducted by David Zincenko, editor-in-chief of *Men's Health*.

So that means if you use the entire packet of dressing, then you are consuming 700 calories.

That defiantly goes against the idea of a "healthy choice."

But are fast food restaurants really to blame for our nation's high obesity rate?

No. The only people we can truly blame are ourselves.

We are the ones that choose to go to these restaurants; we are the ones that choose to eat their food.

And I'm not going to sit here and tell you that there are healthy alternatives out there because you already know that there are.

But I will tell you that the only way our nation will ever come this era of obesity is a little thing known as will power.

Maybe if we focused more on that instead of whom to blame, then we would start to shed the weight.

But until then, I'll have a number four with no onions please.

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-The Current Sauce staff

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## Demons boot Cowboys from top spot

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

Devon Baker, senior guard, shot 4-7 from the floor including one three pointer, but none of his 14 points were more important than the last two during regulation.

Baker stepped to the foul line with 10 seconds remaining in the second half. Poised and composed he sank both free throws to tie the game at 68-all which led to an 87-77, OT win over the McNeese State University Cowboys, Saturday afternoon in Prather Coliseum.

Baker explained the only thing going through his mind at that time was finishing.

"I don't think about too much," Baker said. "Situations like that are when I perform the best. My teammates and my coach trust me and it's just my job to make plays."

The Demons capitalized on the fresh opportunity in overtime. NSU struck first and struck hard.

Shamir Davis, sophomore guard, converted a three-point play 48 seconds into the overtime period to put NSU in the lead.

"When Kobe [Baker] hit those free throws it gave us a chance to do what we were supposed to do in regulation," Demon guard Dominic Knight said. "From that point on, we knew that there was no way for us to lose this game."

The Demons would stay in control from that point on in a game that saw 12 ties and 16 lead changes.

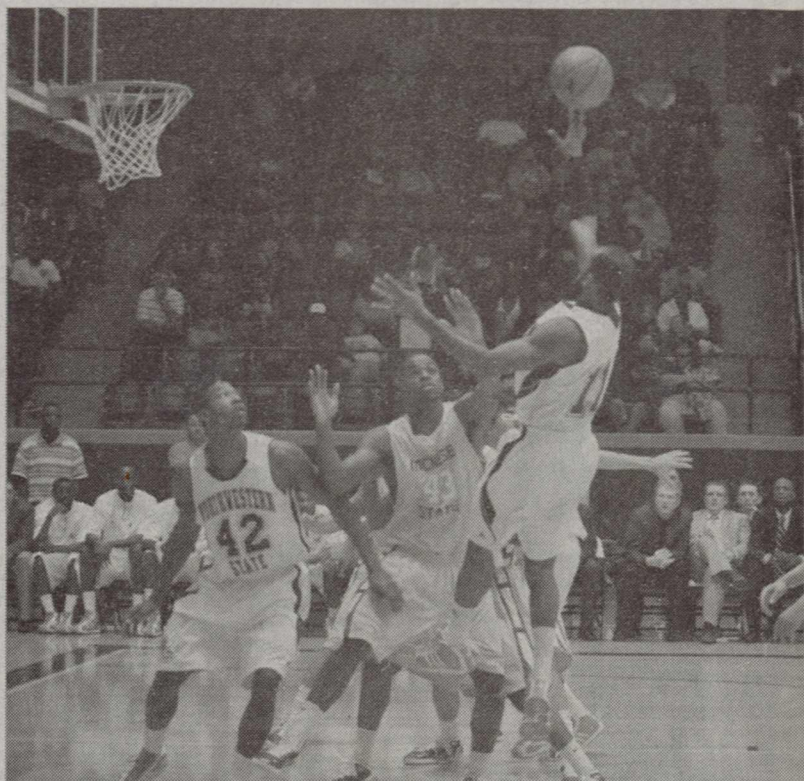


Photo by Ed Johnson  
Senior Demon guard Devon Baker sinks a tear drop over a McNeese defender. NSU beat MSU 87-77.

"They [McNeese] were a very good team and Coach Simmons prepared his team very well," Davis said. "We fought it out and we just came out on top."

Will Mosley, junior center, earned his fifth double-double, scoring 13 points and snagging 10 rebounds to go along with his four steals and three blocks.

Senior Demon forward Will Pratt scored 22 points but he fell three rebounds short of a double-double with seven.

The Cowboys was led by Diego Kapelan's, senior guard, 20-point performance followed by Patrick Richard's, junior forward, 17-point, nine-rebound performance.

The win improved the Demon basketball team to 11-9 on the season and 3-2 in Southland Conference.

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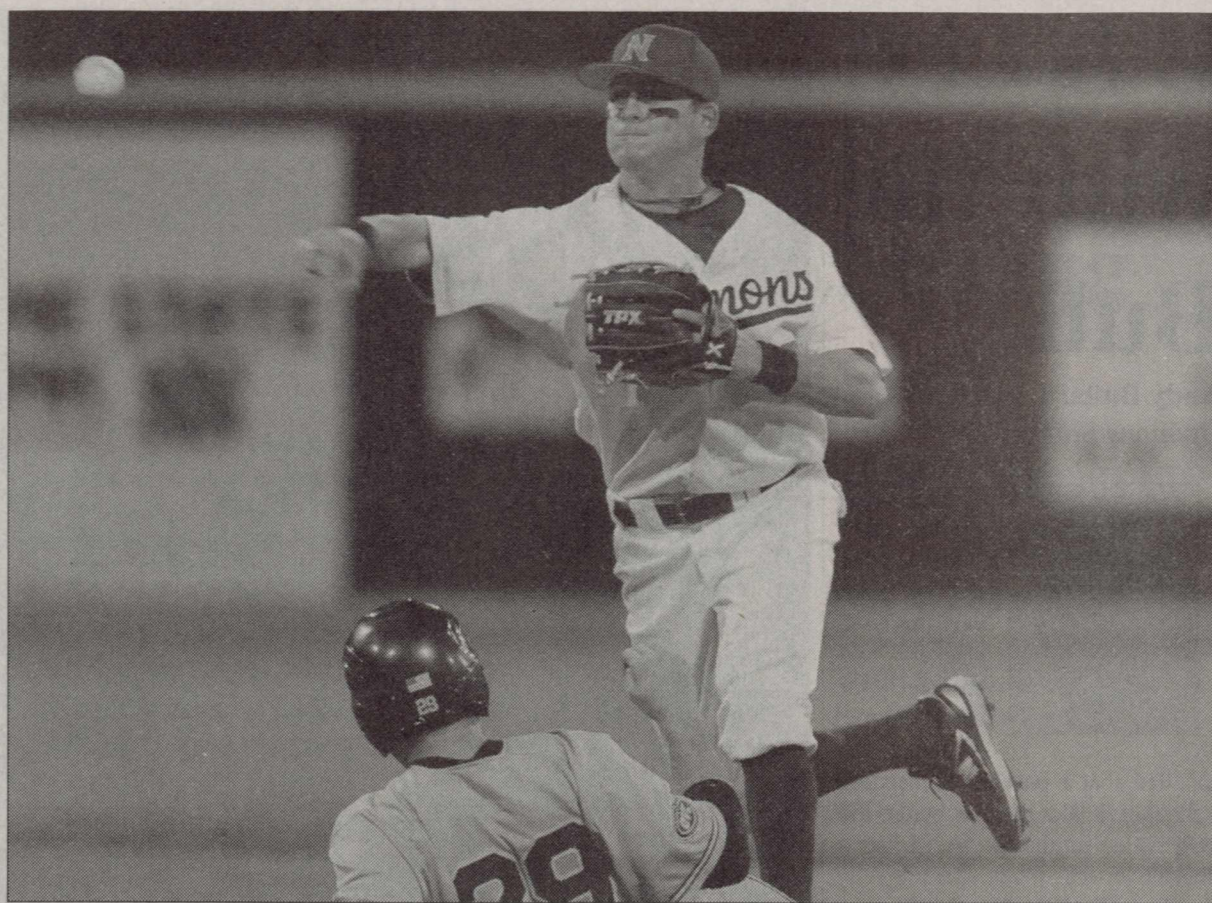


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The opening pitch for Demon baseball is set for Feb. 18 and the Lady Demon softball team will begin their season Feb. 11.

## Tickets are available for Demon baseball and softball

### Courtesy of Sports Info:

A wide range of ticket options are available for the 2011 Northwestern State baseball and softball seasons, including club memberships, combo packages offering tickets for both teams' home games, and many money-saving deals.

NSU is offering the packages with the start of softball and baseball seasons looming next month. The Demon baseball team begins play Feb. 18 with a three-game homestand against BYU, starting a 26-game home schedule.

The Lady Demon softball squad opens its season on the road Feb. 11 and plays the first of 22 homefield games Feb. 16 against Jackson State. The Double Play Combo Pack includes baseball Chairback Seating and softball Suddenlink Outfield Club access, which include premium seat locations at both Brown-Stroud Field for baseball games and the Lady Demon Diamond softball complex.

It's priced at \$200, just \$25 more than the cost of a chairback season ticket for baseball only. The other combo package for 2011 is a baseball/softball general admission season ticket deal for \$100, with no assigned seating at Brown-Stroud Field or the Lady Demon

Diamond.

Purchased individually, a general admission baseball season ticket package costs \$90 and a softball general admission season ticket is available for \$40.

The softball Suddenlink Outfield Club membership, priced at \$50 if purchased alone, includes access to the grandstands and the exclusive club area, refreshments served at all home games and food provided for all seven doubleheaders as well as single games against Baylor and Louisiana Tech.

Adam Jonson, NSU's assistant marketing director for ticket operations, is available at 318-357-4268 to field inquiries about the ticket deals and to conduct sales for NSU baseball and softball season tickets. The ticket packages are also available through the [www.nsudemons.com](http://www.nsudemons.com) website.

A new birthday package for baseball and softball allow parents to host a child's birthday party at one of NSU's ballparks. It includes on-field access to the home team, video board birthday recognition, tables and chairs set up for the party, and Vic's Fun Zone set up for the birthday party guests, along with 10 game tickets (additional tickets available at a discounted price). Birthday package prices are \$100 for NSU Athletic Association donors

and \$175 for others, with the packages limited to one per playing date. Alex Cook, assistant athletic marketing director, is in charge of the birthday package program and can be reached at 357-5450.

Single game general admission seats for softball are \$6 for adults and \$5 for youth, with doubleheader admission at \$8 for adults, \$6 for youth.

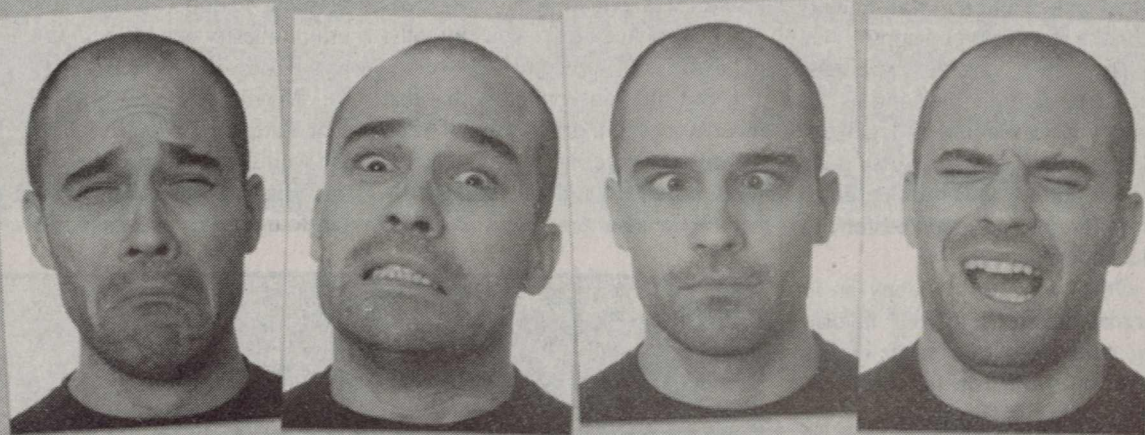
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Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student

Coming off a 12-point loss to University Texas at San Antonio a few days earlier, the NSU Lady Demons took to the floor against conference foe McNeese State University.

The Cowgirls looked to remain perfect in Southland Conference play while NSU looked to snap a two-game losing streak and turn their season around.

The Lady Demons had history on their side because the Cowgirls hadn't won at Prather Coliseum since the 2004-05 season. In fact the Demons had only lost to their conference rival once in the past eight games.

The game was a back and forth contest throughout the first 10 minutes, then McNeese went on a 15-4 run to take a 27-17 lead with just under seven minutes to play in the half.

NSU refused to go away and pulled to within 4 points just before the end of the first half. McNeese then added four more points to extend their halftime lead to 33-25.

Junior guard Jordan James knocked down a three-pointer to open the second half and bring the Demons within five points of the lead but they suffered a major setback as McNeese went on a 14-2 run to extend their lead to 47-30 with 13 minutes left in the game.

The Demons were unable to keep the game close despite double-



Photo by Ed Johnson/ The Current Sauce  
Jordan James score a layup on a 2-on-1 Demon fastbreak. However, the Lady Demons lost 68-49.

digit performances by Jordan James and senior guard Brittiany Houston.

The team had a tough shooting night only knocking down 30.8 percent of their shots from the floor which was only slightly worse than McNeese's 39.8 percent.

The Lady Demons once again showed great resilience as they were able to pull off an 11-0 run of their own that was sparked by another three-point bucket from James, who

recorded her tenth straight game having 10 or more points.

But the Cowgirls answered back with another run and put even more space between the two sides.

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## ‘Positive future’ predicted in State of Universtiy address

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

Student Government Association President Mark Daniels gave his annual State of the University address Wednesday, Jan. 26 to the NSU student body.

The primary purpose of the speech was to inform students of the university's budget cut situation. Daniels said that for the first time in a long time, he can address the audience with "enthusiasm and excitement."

"We are looking at a positive future for Northwestern State University and Louisiana as a whole," Daniels said. "The projection for

next year looks a lot better and looks like the cuts might be coming to an end."

Despite already being cut over \$8 million since 2008, Daniels said the upcoming fiscal year's cuts will not be as large as originally expected. He explained that, initially, the cuts were expected to be around 36 percent, but is now anticipated to be closer to 10 percent.

Again, he took this opportunity to reassure students that there are no plans from the University of Louisiana System to close any schools in the state or turning any schools into two-year institutions.

After hearing about his speech, students had varying opinions.

Senior elementary education

major Aly Breaux, said she was encouraged by what Daniels had to say, but added that she would have a better feeling about the situation if the information would have come from a different source.

"I think hearing that the university's budget crisis is improving from a faculty member would ease more minds and be a little more convincing," Breaux said. "It is terrible to see so many people losing their jobs."

Hannah Marze, a sophomore criminal justice major, said that despite what Daniels said in his speech, she does not feel comforted.

"With the economy being what it is and by just living on campus, I can tell there will still be more bud-

get cuts," Marze said.

Daniels also focused on the SGA's move to online elections.

"We have now come into the modern age with using technology," he said. "We had the largest voting turn out in our history with almost 1,200 students voting in our fall elections."

Additionally, Daniels spoke of NSU's physical improvements, including the construction of the new Student Services Center.

Daniels concluded by calling for students to become more active with their opinions and concerns.

"We do not know what to fight or what to fix if students do not come and let us know," he said.

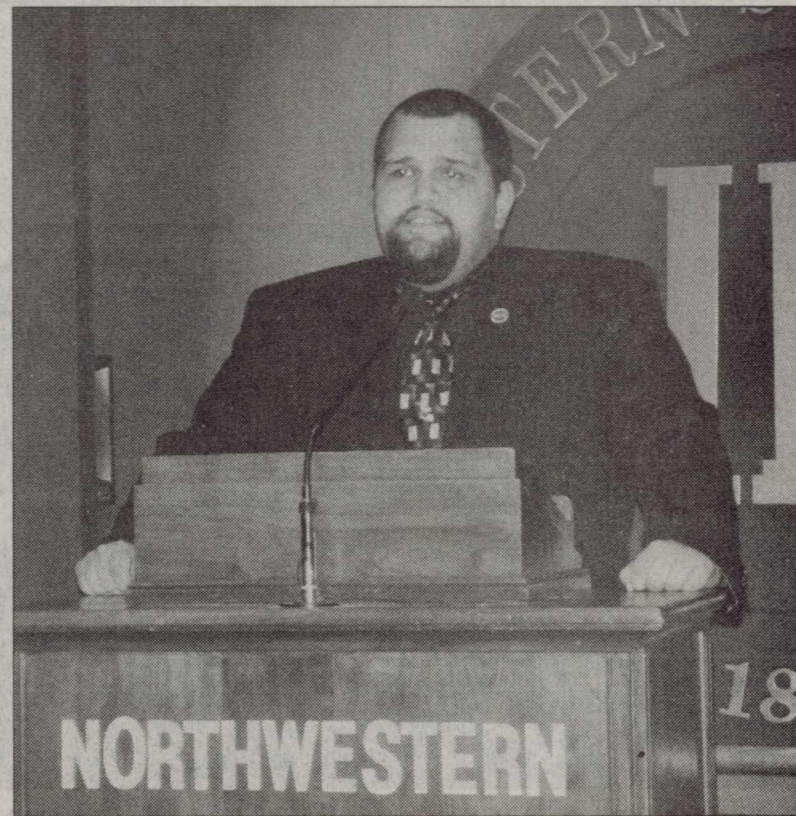


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SGA President Mark Daniels presents his annual State of the University address. He discussed budget cut improvement and the SGA's status.

## Sports Hall of Fame, History Museum construction on schedule

Ty Johnson  
Staff Reporter

The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Regional History Museum is on its way to completion.

The two-story, 28,000 square feet building in downtown Natchitoches will house a collection of memorabilia donated by more than 250 sports figures in Louisiana.

It will also display artifacts of North Louisiana history.

The central point of the interior will be the atrium that will be the ideal space for community gatherings, special events and general spatial orientation.

President and CEO of the LA Sports Hall of Fame Foundation Lisa Babin is confident about the project.

"Construction is going well," Babin said. "We're fairly close to being on schedule."

Construction is scheduled to end in December 2011, however, there will be a six to seven month period for the installation of the exhibits.

Babin said the museum would be ready for use in the summer of 2012.

LA Sports Hall of Fame chairman, Doug Ireland said the structural steel is complete with miscel-

laneous details remaining.

The next major activity for the construction crew will be pouring the second-floor slab, and weather permitting, the ground-floor slab. Building materials, products and systems are being submitted for approval and coordination with the architect.

The architectural firm Trahan Artifacts' design for the museum merges two separate programs in a venue that acknowledges each collection as part of the cultural history of Louisiana.

The building will house both the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame as well as the Regional History Museum. The Louisiana State Museum system is overseeing the project.

Chairman Doug Ireland said the project would provide students with internships and practicum opportunities. The project will also offer the opportunity for the Hall of Fame to link with academic programs.

"It's an entertainment venue," Ireland said. "It's certainly an educational venue. I can, without question, see many opportunities for faculty, staff [and] students to utilize the museum within their academic pursuits and also for personal enjoyment and entertainment."

Sophomore general studies major and NSU Demon football player

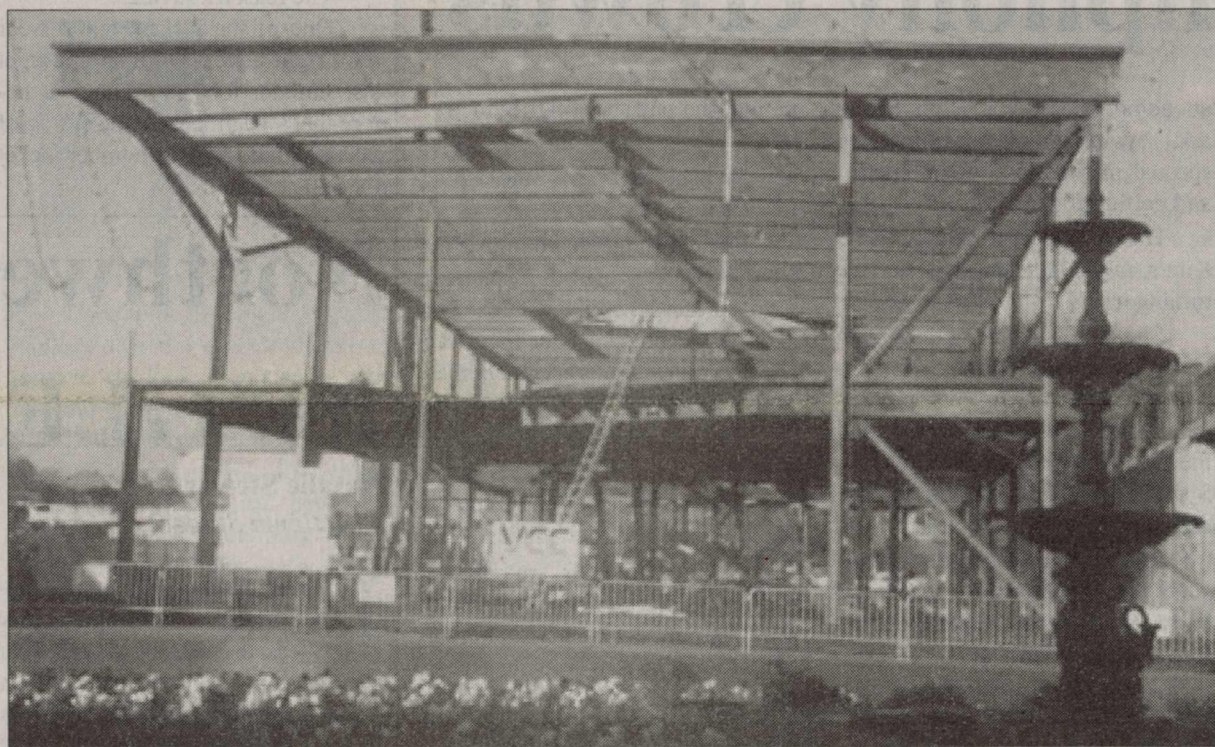


Photo by Ty Johnson/ The Current Sauce

Pictured above is the site of the new Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Regional History Museum in downtown Natchitoches. The site will house a collection of sports memorabilia and history artifacts.

Alexander Norris said its something he looks forward to visiting.

"It definitely sounds like something worth seeing," Norris said. "I think it's great someone thought Louisiana sports and regional history were important. I know the exhibits will be interesting. I like that the museum will offer academic op-

portunities that students can take advantage of."

"There are many elements of this project that can certainly be brought to bear with some valuable experience for Northwestern students," Ireland said.

Ireland said that the exhibits would have cutting edge technology.

"This is going to be a museum that is experiential, that is going to be constantly evolving," Ireland said. "While it will track history in Louisiana sports it will celebrate current events as well. Technology will allow us to do that."

Ireland described the venue as "visionary."

"It reflects upon the leaders in government in our state who have supported this through seven different legislatures," Ireland said. "It reflects back upon three governors who stood tall and said that this is important."

It can be tremendous for culture and economic development of the state, Ireland said.

"As far as the museum as a whole, it dramatically enhances the cultural scene in what is already per capita a culture rich community," Ireland said.

Although the project received a majority of the funding from the state, the museum is in need of funding.

"The only issue we're working on is raising the remaining funds needed for the exhibit," Babin said. "The state of Louisiana fully funded construction of the building and a portion of the building."

Babin is considering grants to pull the project through.

## Design students gain experience, earn funds for department

Taylor Graves  
Sauce Reporter

"Design can be a wonderful tool and an incredible work of art if the right people are involved," Larrie King, assistant professor, said.

This is exactly what the Graphic Communications program is trying to do this semester with the creation of the Design Center.

Eight graphic design students were chosen to work at the Design Center to practice their skills and farther their talent.

The Design Center was formed to help art students get practice designing projects for clients and to give them experience of what the

work force is like.

Local businesses and faculty members can hire the Design Center to produce fliers, brochures, logos and more for organizations or events.

Having an asset such as the Design Center on campus is helpful to many organizations.

"The Design Center is a great resource for the Greeks," Maegan Morace, junior hospitality management and tourism major, said. "If we have an idea but need help creating a logo or designing a flyer to advertise our event or cause, the Design Center is there to help implement ideas."

All of the assignments the students work on will give them knowledge of the craft and materials for

their portfolios and resumes.

"The Design Center at NSU is about more than just making a poster or a logo for someone," King said. "These students are learning about every aspect of graphic communications."

The students work with typeface, color and graphics to create the projects they are hired to do.

King said he expects his students to learn why one typeface is more effective than another and why it is important not to use certain colors for certain products.

"I think having the Design Center is a great opportunity for the students," Stephen Llorens, senior graphic design major, said. "It gives me a lot of experience for the real

world and helps improve my skills."

The Design Center only charges its clients for printing fees.

Donations to the department for supplies and operational materials are appreciated.

All inquiries for the Design Center should be made to Larrie King through email at [kingl@nsula.edu](mailto:kingl@nsula.edu).

Although this is the first semester for the center to be operational, the graphic design department is optimistic about its possibilities.

"We are confident that this will provide a wonderful and vital opportunity to these students as they prepare to enter the work force or further their education," King said.

## SGA Update: Jan. 31, 2011



- Bill SP11-001 (Senate Rules) was tabled due to the need for extra discussion on the issue.

- Bill SP11-002 (Russell Computer Lab) was tabled to allow time for senators to meet with NSU officials for confirmation on details.

- President Mark Daniels appointed two new senators, one ORF committee member and one fiscal committee member.

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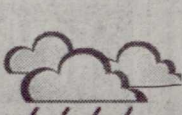
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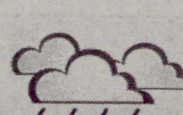
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Pictured above is NSU student MinJeong Kim, winner of the 2011 Marjorie Stricklin Emerging Artists Competition and Rapides Symphony Orchestra Competition.

## Young piano prodigy awes symphony crowds

Catherine Beverly  
Sauce Reporter

MinJeong Kim, a sophomore at NSU, is the first place winner of both the 2011 Marjorie Stricklin Emerging Artists Competition and the Rapides Symphony Orchestra Competition.

This honor gives Kim the opportunity to perform with the Monroe Symphony Orchestra in their 2011-2012 season and with the Rapides Symphony on March 12th, 2011.

Kim is originally from South Korea, where she began playing the piano at the age of three.

She won various awards while

attending Seoul Arts High School and Yewon School, both highly respected institutions for the creative and performing arts.

During her first year at NSU, Kim's obvious talent was already turning heads.

She was a winner of the 2009 Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Concerto/Aria Competition, which allowed her to perform with the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony as one of four finalists selected.

In order to be as familiar as possible with a piece, she concentrates on practicing it at least a week before a competition.

At times when she is not com-

peting, she said she still tries to practice.

"Whenever I have time, I practice," Kim said.

Francis Yang, PhD of music and NSU assistant professor of piano, is Kim's professor of piano at NSU and also her accompanist for the pieces she has played in recent competitions.

He said that not only is she a delight to work with, she is also a "highly motivated young pianist dedicated towards her studies."

Although recitals are reserved for juniors and seniors, anyone may see Kim play during her sophomore recital April 11 in Magale Recital Hall at 4 p.m.

## The Look Book: Budgeting before you shop

Tiffany Hall  
Practicum Student

Ironically, when I made the outline for this column, I made topics for the whole semester and placed a date by all of them.

With that being said, I think it's ironic that this week's column is about budgeting before you shop.

Right now all of you should be receiving refund checks and you know what that means: gassing up the car to head toward Shreveport.

I'm only kidding, but if you do plan to replenish anything in your closet, the best thing that you can do is to be smart about what you buy.

The months of January through March are typically known as a transitional season. While it's still freezing outside, a lot of stores are starting to show spring previews to give a sneak peak at what's going to be "hot" during the spring and summer seasons.

I tend to do most of my shopping during these times. Right before the spring and right before the fall.

The reason? Savings.

One of the jackets that I wear a lot right now was found at Target last summer for \$15. The year before that? Right before the spring of 2009, I found a puffy bomber jacket for \$10 at Maurice's.

Now while I'm proud of those two accomplishments. There have been many times that I haven't been smart with my money, and wound up with the cutest things that probably were not worth the money that I've spent.

Here are a few helpful tips:

1. Before you go out to shop, know what you want to look for. I understand that sometimes that you don't find what you're looking for, but it's best to know what you want instead of buying something that you don't necessarily need. Oxymoron?

2. Look online at the stores that you want to go to. Now while you can buy the items online, it's a good idea to have an idea of what you want to get.

3. Sign up for mailing lists at some of these stores. Sometimes stores send out mailers through email that includes special coupons that can only be used from a certain time. Sometimes exclusive coupons are used for online shopping, while others can be printed out and used in stores.

Well ladies and gents, I hope these tips help everyone in the upcoming new season. Have a great week and happy shopping! Until next time.

## Northwestern gets its 'GLEE' on

Natalie Stewart  
Practicum Student

Lauren Waguespack, junior theater major, is bringing new ideas to NSU by doing what she loves most, singing and dancing. After talking to some members of the theater department about not being able to sing as much as they would like to, Waguespack decided to start a group similar to the glee club on the TV series 'GLEE.'

"It has always been something I wanted to do and I figured why wait any longer," Waguespack said.

"Singing and dancing are my passions, so I want to do them as much as possible, and I love the show 'GLEE,' so that's where I got the idea."

"We will sing and dance to famous hit songs of today and Broadway, and perform at things like SAB events, the Love Cabaret that the Student Theatre Organization is putting on and hopefully we can get our name out there so that other places around Natchitoches will consider us as their entertainment," Waguespack said.

Auditions for the group were held Sunday, January 30. For auditions people trying out for the group were asked to learn the first few measures of the TV series GLEE's version of "Somebody to Love," for the singing portion of the audition.

Another segment of auditions required involved Waguespack teaching a few 8-counts of dance, and then watching the student's performance.

"I want to have a group of great dancers as well as amazing singers," Waguespack said.

She will also be casting a "co-captain," and a "dance assistant" for the group.

Waguespack's plans for the group includes being a well-known group around campus, as well as in the community, and to perform anywhere they can. Waguespack also hopes to compete with the group one day.

She plans to take no more than 20 people for the group, and after they have been selected members will meet to discuss rehearsal times, goals as a team, songs to work on and an official group name.

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**"True Grit"**  
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This calendar will be available at the start of every month. If you want your important dates seen, please e-mail them to thecurrentsauce@gmail.com.

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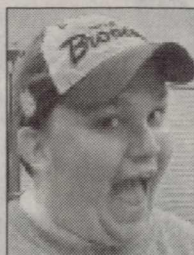
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# BS' in with the Bull

Andy Bullard  
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he Super Bowl is a media event that includes pre-game entertainment, a star-studded half-time show, celebrity interviews, a week of media blitz and unprecedented commercial extravaganza.

There is also a football game. The Super Bowl hype starts weeks early so that everyone can have an opportunity to stock up on beer, snacks and T-shirts with the name of their favorite team or player.

A few people actually watch to see the football game, but most people watch primarily to see the newly produced commercials.

The Super Bowl attracts a larger viewing audience than any other television program.

Because it is a prime time sporting event, it is considered family entertainment.

The reason that people like to watch the Super Bowl on television is because they cannot get tickets to the game.

Tickets are distributed by a lottery method and not through regular ticket agents.

However, tailgate parties are not allowed on Super Bowl parking lots, and that's the main reason for going to an actual game anyhow.

Companies spend millions of dollars to sponsor commercials during the Super Bowl because of the large audience watching.

This is another one of the reasons why the Super Bowl is considered important.

It promotes mass commercialism and is good for the American economy.

Super Bowls are popular for a number of reasons, but women like them mainly because they signal the end of the football season, which means husbands can return to doing activities other than spending the weekend in front of the television set.

Parents like the Super Bowl because it teaches children valuable

lessons, they can use later in life, like how to read Roman numerals and how to tackle other kids on the playground.

Some people attend Super Bowl parties to watch the game with friends.

Such parties are especially popular with members of fantasy football leagues.

Playing fantasy football is a new macho pastime, league members pick players from various teams to form an imaginary team.

Scoring is based on points for yards ran, passes completed and touchdowns scored.

Only a computer can understand who actually wins.

The Super Bowl traditionally uses Roman numerals for naming the games.

We are not sure why but think it has something to do with gladiators and stadiums.

They do not use Roman numerals for scoring, thank goodness.

Even a computer could not figure that out.

The media hype starts even before the final two teams that will play in the Super Bowl have been determined.

The Super Bowl winners receive rings that cost \$5,000 each and a \$25,000 trophy for the team. The losers receive jewelry too.

The Super Bowl is held in various cities, which bid on the opportunity to have it because of the publicity and the tourism that it creates.

It used to be held the last weekend of January, but lately it has been on the first week of February instead.

The reason it was moved to February is because this is closer to Valentine's Day and gives men the opportunity to buy something romantic for the woman in their life to try to make up for ignoring them for seven months.

Which is just genius, thank you Rodger Godell (NFL Commissioner).

The main thing to remember about the Super Bowl is that there is actually a football game involved.

Promoters are working hard on eliminating that distraction and just going to four quarters of prime time commercials with media blitz, pre-game activities and an extravagant halftime show.

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# Finding a job after graduation

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scary.

Used to be, finding a job with a college degree was no problem—everyone was looking to hire the movers-and-shakers of tomorrow.

Today, however, that is not the case. Unemployment for college graduates was at 15.2 percent in November and is climbing steadily each month according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics U3 measure, and with student loan debts now topping \$23,000, the future is no longer as bright.

There are jobs out there for the Class 2011, but there's only one problem—the old Catch-22 of “You can't get a job without experience, but you can't get experience without a job.”

These days, every employer wants more bang for less buck: someone with a resume that glows, a personality that sparkles, a college transcript that proclaims that this person was at the top of his or her class and did it all with a zillion extra-curricular activities going on and had a college job with at least 30+ hours a week.

They want to know they can hire you and that you can do it all without breaking a sweat or batting an eyelash and while pulling overtime.

But how can you become this amazing super-person without experience and fresh off of being handed that piece of paper you have worked so many years for?

1. **Network!** In a world where

everyone knows someone, ask around—talk to family members and friends and find out about their friends and family that have jobs that pertain to your field.

Learn everything you can about the companies they work for and look them up online.

Social networking sites are a great tool to use for this and employers will admit that they “stalk” possible employees before hiring them.

So utilize technology and clean up your Facebook profile; un-tag and delete questionable photos, minimize your “Info” section to very basic information and if your profile picture is not your best picture of you smiling, change it.

LinkedIn is also another networking tool that you may want to sign up for—it's a professional networking site and boasts 60 million users covering more than 200 countries and territories worldwide.

That's a lot of job opportunities!

2. **Portfolio.** Every potential employer likes proof of what you can do, so why not give it to them?

Put together a binder of projects you have assisted in, articles you have written, school work that pertains to the work you would like to do and snapshots of things you have done either alone or with a team—it is a valuable asset and gives you an edge!

3. **Make Part-Time Full-Time.** Every level of work is looking for someone who fits the mold of the job perfectly, from CEOs to bartenders.

Wait, experienced bartenders? Sounds like a college job to me.

If you can stand it, make your part-time college job a full-time workplace while you hunt for something better suited for your degree.

4. **Intern/Volunteer.** Every college degree program offers a school-sponsored internship, but what happens if you did not have the time for one, or just were uninformed? Sim-

ple—volunteer or intern, even after graduation.

Find a company in which you can develop the skills you would need to land your dream job and rock it.

This can sometimes come at a cost, though; many companies have a hiring freeze, so you may have to take on an unpaid internship, but in the long run, it will pay off. You gain the experience you need and you could be offered a job with that very company!

5. **Enhance Your Resume.** Employers do not care how you obtain experience; they just care that you have it.

In your resume, never differentiate between volunteer experience and paid intern work. Make headings like, “Professional Experience” and “Academic Experience” and put anything relevant below it.

When you're finished, have a professional look over and critique it—no one knows the work force better than someone who is in it!

6. **Relocate.** Since there are so few jobs to be had in a downturned economy, do not limit yourself to one area—seek out jobs all over the country!

Be willing to go where the jobs are, wherever they may be for you. The best time of your life to explore and live right now, so why not do it while you have the chance?

Even if you have to take a job somewhere that is less than ideal, just think of it as a stepping stone to your dream job.

Job hunting is not an easy task; there's a reason that everyone hates it.

There will be times that you get rejection after rejection.

My advice?

Put Chumbawamba's “Tubthumping” on your iPod and turn it on in your car when you have one of those days.

## 3D films nothing more than expensive headache

Z.K. McLendon  
Staff Columnist



friends, I finally saw a 3D movie last weekend for the first time, and I have to say that I was very, very disappointed.

My friend and I went to the movie theater expecting to pay around \$18 for two tickets, but unfortunately that wasn't the case.

Instead, we had to pay the absurd amount of \$25 because we had chosen to see the movie in 3D.

After brushing off this dent to our wallets, we acquired some delicious snacks and some ridiculous looking glasses and then filtered into the theater, expecting to have a “mind-blowing experience.”

Our minds were blown all right.

We both left the theater with raging headaches and only a vague recollection of the film's basic plot.

So why is 3D technology so popular if it causes so much annoyance?

Ever since the success of *Dances With Wolves*—oops, I mean *Avatar* (I always get those two confused) Hollywood has been jumping head over heels onto the 3D bandwagon.

They have managed to resurrect this 80's fad by giving it a glamorous makeover and unleashing it upon a new generation of moviegoers.

It failed in the 80s, and, hopefully, it will fail in 2011 for the following three reasons:

3D is a money glutton—Movie tickets are already expensive as it is, but when you add a 3D surcharge to them, then they can become financially exhausting.

3D is a pain—Renowned film critic, Roger Ebert, wrote in his blog about a letter he received from legendary film editor, Walter Murch.

Murch wrote about the problems with 3D technology, stating that, “the ‘CPU’ of our perceptual brain has to work extra hard, which is why after 20 minutes or so many people get headaches.”

This raises the question: why would we pay more for a 3D movie ticket if it is only going to cause us pain in the end?

3D is distracting—The only two things a movie needs to be successful are well developed characters and a good story.

But when 3D gets added to the mix, it causes the audience to focus more on the technology than the actually movie itself.

It's almost like the Hollywood version of rattling shiny keys in front of an infant.

But with the recent release of 3D televisions and Nintendo releasing its 3DS in March, it seems that 3D is going to be around for a little while longer.

So, as Murch put it, “How long will it take people to realize its faults and get fed up?”

I don't know.

But until they do, I'll just wait for the DVD.

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## Lady Demons end losing streak

Lovell Willis  
Practicum Student

The Lady Demons have been in a slump, losing four straight games including a 61-90 loss at home to Southland Conference foe Lamar University.

This past weekend the Demons looked to get a win against SLC opponent Southeastern Louisiana University and get back on the winning track.

The Lady Demons got out to a fast start, pushing ahead to a 26-9 with nine minutes left in the first half after a 15-2 run by a host of players. The game was theirs almost from tip off and they pulled off the win in impressive fashion 92-76.

Freshman guard Jasmine Bradley stepped up in a big way and put up numbers in several key categories. She put in 14 points shooting 66 percent from the field, grabbed 10 rebounds, six steals and a career best eight assists.

Head Coach Jennifer Graf said, "those two players (Bradley and Meredith Graf, sophomore guard) lay it out on the line every single day. I felt like the way they played was contagious for the rest of the group and they were feeding off of the way Jasmine and Meredith were playing so hard."

Senior guard Brittiany Houston lead scorers with 20 points lighting it up from downtown with four of five three pointers.

Junior guard Jordan James and sophomore forward Trudy Armstead both put in 18 points and James extended her double digit scoring games to 13 straight.

The team as a whole was able to shoot the second highest field goal percentage of the season connecting on 34 of 66 shots for 51.5 percent.

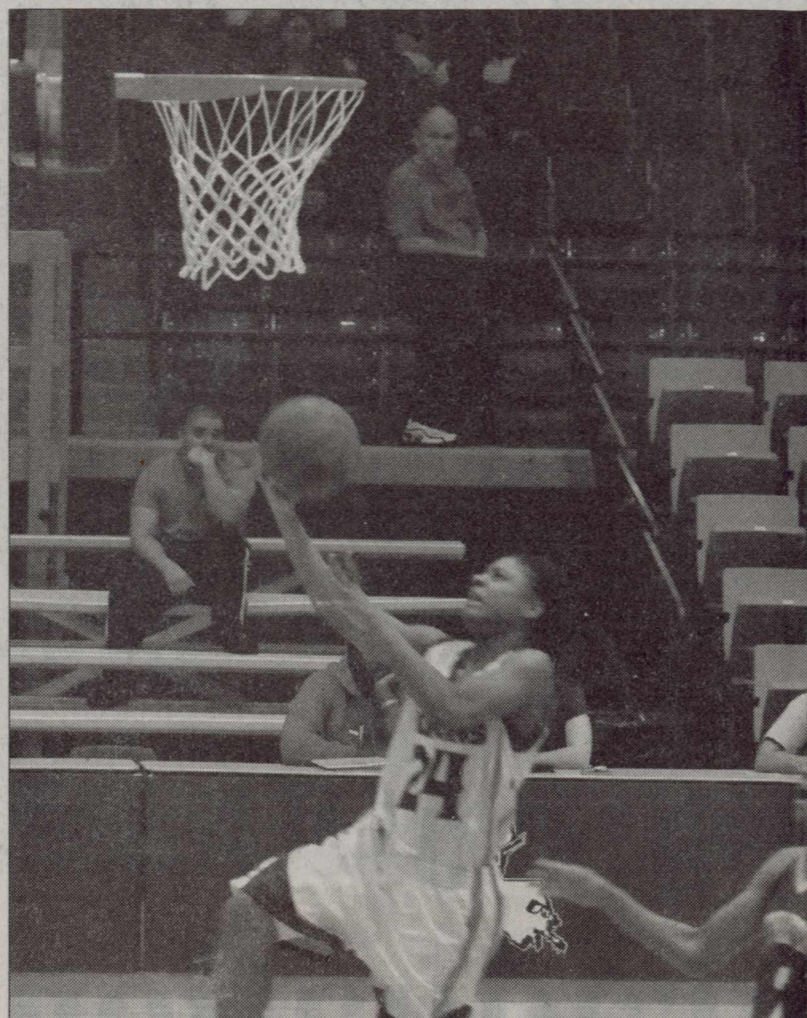


Photo by Ed Johnson/ The Current Sauce  
Freshman Jasmine Bradley explodes up the court after a steal for the fast-break layup. The Lady Demons cruised to a 92-76 win in Prather Coliseum.

They were on target from behind the arc as well making 8-15 and they were money from the charity strike hitting 16 free throws on 19 attempts.

When asked about her team's performance Coach Graf said, "we did what we've been preaching for a while, which was to just stay focused. Even in the second half when Southeastern went on a run, we stayed focused during that time. We made some mistakes but I felt like

we never dropped our heads and said 'here we go again,' we kept our focus. We were able to get a lot of number breaks on our end which really was how we were able to keep our lead."

The team improved to 8-12 overall this season and 3-4 in the Southland Conference.

The Lady Demons try to pull off two straight as they travel to Conway Arkansas to take on Central Arkansas. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. today.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Demon football team finished with an overall record of 5-6 and conference record of 4-3.

## Demon football announce football winners

### Courtesy of Sports Info:

Defensive linemen Dennis "Tank" Clark and Ledell Love, offensive linemen Michael Booker and Zach Case, and linebacker Derek Rose were among the top award winners Saturday night at the annual Northwestern State Football Awards Dinner saluting the 2010 Demons.

In the culmination of the event, head coach Bradley Dale Peveto presented Clark the prestigious Lester Latino Memorial Award given by the coaching staff to the senior who best exemplifies values of leadership, unselfishness, outstanding work ethic, and performance on the field and in the classroom.

Case, a junior center, was voted Offensive Most Valuable Player by his teammates, who elected Rose, a sophomore All-America linebacker, as the Defensive MVP. The Demons finished as the country's fourth-most improved team in 2010, winning five more games than a year earlier. NSU played for the Southland Conference

championship and a playoff berth in the final week of the season.

Booker, an All-American offensive guard as a senior, was presented the Joe Delaney Memorial Leadership Award for offense for having been voted the permanent team offensive captain by the players. Love, a senior All-SLC defensive end, won the Delaney Memorial Leadership Award for defense.

Four recipients of the Chris Waddell Award were announced, recognizing walk-on players with exemplary performance on and off the field, and academically: tight end Jake Bryan, safety Calvin Morton, center Osaze Idumwonyi and lineman Bob Stanfield.

Senior safety Lance Lacoste and true freshmen end Keland Johnson were given the Kirt Straughter Trident Award for posting the top scores in strength and conditioning.

Lacoste was among four players who posted perfect 4.0 grade point averages during the season, along with tight end Justin Aldredge, center John McClendon and offensive

lineman Jesse Hernandez.

Given recognition for owning the highest cumulative GPAs among veteran players were Aldredge (3.882) and junior linebacker Yaser Elqutub (3.825).

Jeremy Jefferson, a defensive back and four-year letterwinner, won the Delaney Award for special teams. Elqutub was announced as the winner of the Wild Demon Award for having the most points accumulated for outstanding special teams play. Senior punter Brad Russo was presented the Specialist of the Year award.

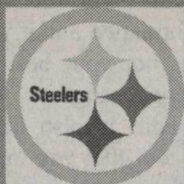
Chosen by the coaches as the Newcomer MVPs were receivers T.C. Henry and Louis Hollier.

Taking home the team's Most Improved awards were receiver Philip Harvey (offense), safety Jamaal White (defense) and kicker John Shaughnessy (special teams).

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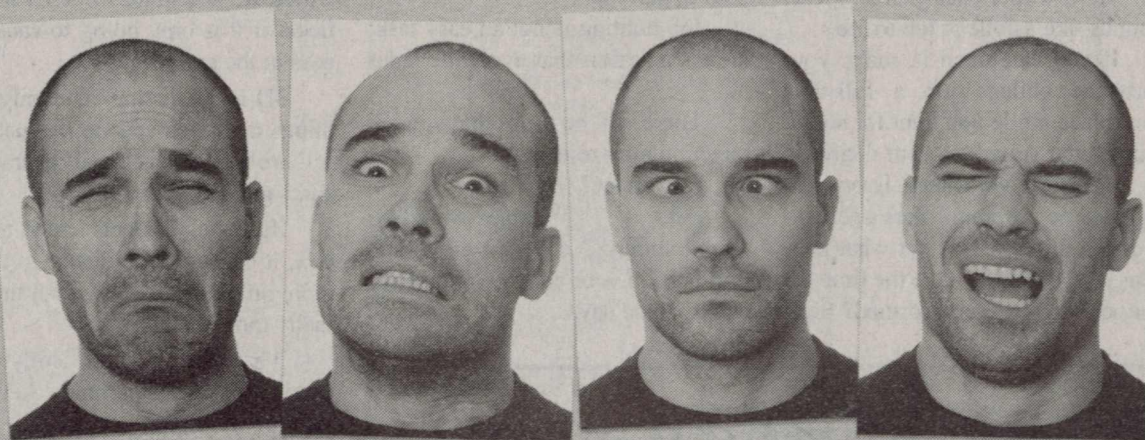
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Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

The Demon's time in the top spot was short lived.

The team's 94-83 Saturday night defeat at the hands of Southeastern Louisiana University knocked them out of a first place tie with McNeese State University.

The loss dropped NSU to 12-10 overall and 4-3 in Southland Conference play. SLU Lions squared their record off at 9-9 overall and 3-3 in conference.

The Lions led the Demons 40-36 at halftime. In the second half, SLU came out smoking hot, shooting 64 percent and going on an 11-0 run over a four-minute span.

Demon guard Devon Baker scored a career-best 31 points, 19 of which came in the last 5:46 to help mount a comeback.

The Demons closed the gap to seven with a good defensive effort but all was negated when SLU player Gary Dixon drained a 3-pointer at the sound of the shot clock buzzer.

"We cut it to seven, defended extremely well and forced them down to the end of the shot clock, and they got a Hail Mary 3-point basket up against the buzzer that we didn't think got off the shooter's hand in time," Demon basketball head coach Mike McConathy said.

"A tough break for us, a great play for them and one that was a huge factor as we were battling to come back. The irony is, that was one of our few very good defensive



Photo by Ed Johnson/ The Current Sauce  
The Demons came up short against Southeastern Louisiana University Saturday night in Hammond with a 94-83 loss.

possessions. We stood around and didn't do much on that end throughout the evening," McConathy said.

"We let them get to the basket time and time and time again (SLU scored 22 of its 31 baskets in the paint). They did a good job and we didn't compete very well at all, except as the game was ending."

Demons Will Pratt and James Hulbin scored 14 points but, NSU shot under 40 percent from the floor for the game.

"We were not sharp offensively at all, because they made things difficult for us and we did not adjust to their physicality," McConathy said.

"They got on us in a trap up too many times and converted some runouts, which hasn't happened to us until tonight. Give them credit for a great game plan and executing it."

The Demon basketball team returns to action tonight as they play host to Central Arkansas at 7 p.m.



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## NSU crowns 52nd annual Miss Lady of the Bracelet

Taylor Graves  
Sauce Reporter

“Anyone can wear a crown, but it takes a lady to wear a bracelet.”

This is the saying Ruth Fruge will uphold for the next year as the 2011 Miss Lady of the Bracelet.

“I feel extremely blessed and honored to be Miss LOB,” Fruge said. “I love this school with all my heart, and I wanted nothing more than to be able to represent Northwestern as Miss LOB.”

Competing against five other contestants, Fruge dazzled the judges with her talent, swimsuit, evening wear and interview questions.

Fruge displayed every aspect Miss LOB should have throughout the pageant.

Her talent caught the judges’ attention when she played Rondo Alla Turca by Mozart on the piano in front of the crowd.

Fruge won the swimsuit and evening gown competitions.

She wore a two-piece, bright blue swimsuit during the swimsuit portion and a satin, chiffon halter evening gown for her walk, interview questions and presentation.

It took a lot of hard work and effort for Fruge to prepare for Miss LOB.

Along with the traditional working out and gown shopping, Fruge put a lot of emphasis on her interview questions and talent.

“To prepare for Miss LOB I made sure that I knew everything there was to know about Children’s

Miracle Network, Northwestern and Louisiana,” Fruge said.

“I actually made myself a 12 page study guide full to make sure I was prepared for the interview.”

Fruge knows Miss LOB is not just about a pageant or the scholarship she will receive.

She plans to use her title to represent Northwestern in many events and raise awareness for the Children’s Miracle Network, she said.

“It is such a great cause, and I feel like the students need to have their eyes opened to the needs of the children around them,” Fruge said.

Fruge enjoyed each part of the pageant, but meeting her fellow contestants made her experience special.

“Each girl had a really genuine personality, which made the whole event less stressful and more fun,” Fruge said.

Alyson Humphrey and Hope McFarland were awarded first and second runner ups for Miss LOB.

“I am absolutely ecstatic to have been chosen as first runner up,” Humphrey said.

“I am still a bit in shock, but I couldn’t be happier.”

Along with the second runner up, McFarland received the awards for the talent competition and the Liz Carroll People’s Choice Award.

“I am so grateful, surprised and blessed to receive these two awards,” McFarland said. “I am in love with my violin solo that I played, so I was excited to perform this piece.”

McFarland practiced for hours on her violin rendition of Four Seasons Summer 3rd Movement by Vival-

di, which was apparent to the judges and audience.

The one award not voted on by judges or the audience is Miss Congeniality, which the contestants themselves vote on.

Jasmine Torregano was presented the Miss Congeniality award for her good personality and sportsmanship.

“I remember during my mock interview one of the interviewers told me I had a great personality,” Torregano said.

“After I won my award and the pageant was over, they came up to me again and said I told you everyone could see that you have a lovely personality.”

Being appreciated for her good personality was not the only reason Torregano cherished the Miss Congeniality award.

“It shows that you can be yourself with everyone and they still accept you for who you are,” she said.

“I’m very thankful for the award.”

The contestants preformed for judges, but also in front of an audience of supporters and fellow students.

For some, this was the best part of the event.

“I had an amazing support system of friends and family in attendance,” Humphrey said.

“Having them there made the night even more special.”

After all the practicing, judging and cheers were over, the contestants had memories they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.



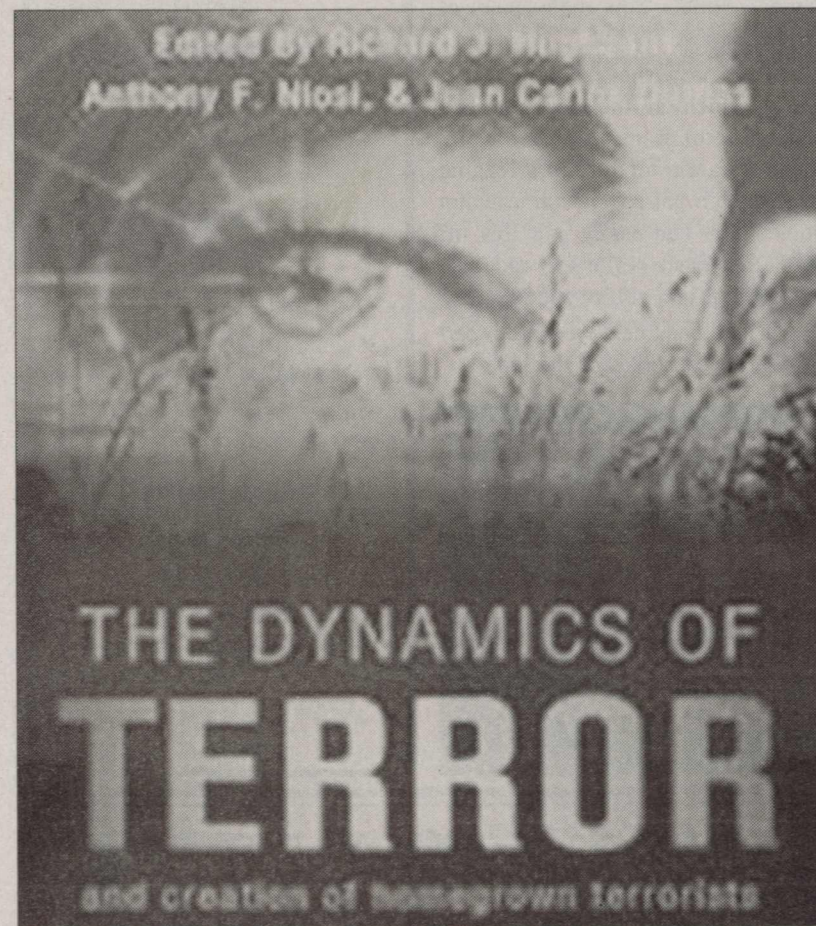
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Left- Ruth Fruge accepts her awards as the 2011 Miss Lady of the Bracelet. Fruge, a sophomore liberal arts major in the Louisiana Scholars’ College, was awarded “Best Swimsuit” and “Best Evening Gown,” as well as overall winner Saturday night.

Below- Listed from left to right are the contestants of the 52nd annual Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant: Brittany Rogers, Jasmine Torregano, Alyson Humphrey, Ruth Fruge, Hope McFarland and Brittany Jeanice. McFarland was awarded “Best Talent” and “People’s Choice” and Second Runner-up. Torregano was awarded “Miss Congeniality.” Humphrey received First Runner-up.



## Graduate professor contributes to book on dynamics of terrorists



Above is the cover of “The Dynamics of Terror and Creation of Homegrown Terrorists.” NSU graduate professor Richard Hughbank contributed his years of experience and knowledge from the military to the book.

Catherine Beverly  
Sauce Reporter

Maj. Richard Hughbank, a graduate professor of Homeland Security at Northwestern State University, was a contributor to the book *The Dynamics of Terror and Creation of Homegrown Terrorists*.

The new book has received high praise by respected members in the field of homeland security and counterterrorism.

This book focuses on answering the question of who becomes a homegrown terrorist and why.

Some topics discussed in “The Dynamics of Terror and Creation of Homegrown Terrorists” are the radicalization of religious beliefs and also psychological issues.

Hughbank has written about terrorism, homeland security and security management.

His inspiration for writing has stemmed from his 21 years of military service and extensive professional training in various fields related to his work, Hughbank said.

“My first tour in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in 2002, with the 101st Airborne Division proved a powerfully moving event in my life,” he

said. “It became a way of life for me. I had to become proficient in this field of study in order to perform my job in an efficient manner.”

He has a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice, a master’s in Mental Health Counseling and in Business and Organizational Security Management and is currently a doctoral candidate in Homeland Security at the Colorado Technical Institute.

“Academics naturally followed the professional aspects of my education and the constant pursuit to understand my enemies better than they knew themselves,” Hughbank explained.

Some aspects of his professional career include acting as a Liaison Officer to FBI, CIA and Special Operations Command for detainee operations and contributing to the capture of six people on the “FBI’s Most Wanted” list.

Hughbank autographed and discussed his book at the on campus bookstore on Thursday, but his signing was cut short due to the weather conditions.

“The Dynamics of Terror and Creation of Homegrown Terrorists” can be purchased for \$20.

## Active Shooter Drill to be held on campus

Press Release courtesy of  
News Bureau

Written by David West

An Active Shooter/Hospital Drill will be held on the Northwestern State University campus and at Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Sunday, Feb. 13. The drill will begin at 9 a.m. on the NSU campus. The drill is designed to train first responders and local health care facilities in responding to an incident with multiple victims and assess their performance during the drill.

The drill will begin when the Natchitoches Parish 911 Center receives a call reporting a shooter on the NSU campus. Local law enforcement agencies and other first responders will react as they would to an actual shooting.

“We want this drill to be as realistic as possible in order to provide the best possible training situation for first responders and the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center,” said Natchitoches Parish Sheriff Victor Jones. “Drills of this type could save lives in the future, should a similar situation occur.”

There will be 36 “victims” of the shooter at Bossier Hall. Members of NSU’s Criminal Justice Club will portray the “victims”;

some who were killed and others with injuries ranging from minor to critical. Northwestern’s Theatre and Dance Department will provide their makeup expertise on the “victims” to add an extra element of reality.

Once the “victims” are taken to Natchitoches Regional Medical Center, an additional active shooter scenario will take place including a hostage situation in the Emergency Room.

“There will be a lot of activity on campus and throughout Natchitoches as the drill progresses, but we want to emphasize that this is only a drill,” said Northwestern Executive Assistant to the President, Robert Crew. “A drill of this type is a training technique that is valuable to University Police, the Natchitoches Police Department and Sheriff’s Office, as well as the Natchitoches Fire Department, Emergency Medical Personnel, and the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center.”



Check out the Life section on page two for more pictures of the Miss LOB Pageant.



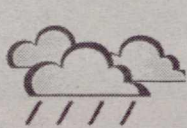
## Reminder:

Spring Scholars’ Day Academic and Organizational Browse will be held Saturday, Feb. 19. Guests will begin to arrive around 10:45 a.m.

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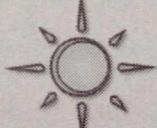
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## Up 'til Dawn expects large crowd at spring program

Natalie Stewart  
Practicum Student

Up 'til Dawn is a student organization that works with St. Jude to raise money for childhood cancer through a letter writing campaign.

The organization has been working hard through their different committees to plan a successful event.

After raising \$33,000 for St. Jude last academic year the event has upsized and will be held in Prather Coliseum in March.

"Since last year was such a huge success and it was only the first year here at NSU, we have a lot to expect this year," Michael Stephenson, Logistics Committee Head, said. "We are anticipating close to 500 attendees. It is a great cause so our expectations are high."

The organization holds a letter-

writing event in the spring semester for students to write letters provided by St. Jude to friends and family for donations.

At the event student's also enjoy food, games, prizes and activities throughout the event in a fun environment.

"As head of the Logistics Committee for Up 'til Dawn, I am in charge of all the details of the event," Stephenson said.

"I have been working closely with my committee planning the event. We have the games already planned and are currently working on performances. This year the event will be hosted by our very own Mr. and Mrs. NSU."

Up 'til Dawn also encourages teams to sign up to participate in the event.

Each team should have at least six members, but can have more. On the night of the event the teams get together and write their letters ask-

ing for donations.

"Up 'til Dawn is run solely on donations of others," Jose Llanito, Sponsorship Committee Head, said.

"The success and size of the event is dependent on donations. My committee has been busy asking local businesses to be our sponsors by donating incentives, such as prizes or whatever they can to help out for the event."

The organizations PR Committee has been busy getting the word out and encouraging students to join them at the event in March. The theme for this year's Up 'til Dawn event is, "UTD in the City that Never Sleeps."

"My committee is in charge of promoting the event through all outlets the university provides," Chris Vaughn, PR Committee Head, said.

"The work we have done so far includes a banner to hang off of them Student Union walkway, fliers and the rock is booked to be painted."

The Up 'til Dawn committees have been working hard throughout the fall semester and the spring to ensure a successful event for students to raise money for a cause they believe in.

"I am honored to be a committee head for Up 'til Dawn," Llanito said.

"The feeling I get knowing that I am doing something that helps save lives is indescribable. Since I ran in the St. Jude marathon last December, my love for helping St. Jude has grown tremendously. It makes you feel like you have a purpose in life. Everyone should attend this years event, it's going to be great."

This year's event will be held in Prather Coliseum on March 22 from 7 to 10 p.m.

To sign up a team please contact Grabby Hughes at ahughes006@student.nsu.edu or join the Up 'til Dawn - Northwestern State University Facebook group.

## The Look Book: Essentials of shopping (Pt. 1)

Tiffany Hall  
Practicum Student

Hello guys and gals, now that we've found our personal style and created a budget for our shopping trip, let's go shopping!

I'm going to go ahead and give you all the basics on what to look for.

Guys, you will have to bear with me on this column since obviously my forte is in a girl's style, since I am a girl.

When I go shopping, I try to know what I'm already looking for. Like I said in my last column, I preview items on the store's Web site and then head to the store.

But there are moments that I don't look before and I just walk right on in.

Basic pieces are pretty much your go-to items to where you build your entire wardrobe around. It is very easy to dress up these items or dress them down depending on your mood.

Here are your basic all year round items.

Plain white T-shirt: I cannot explain to you all exactly how many of these that I've bought within the past four months alone. These shirts are the easiest of all things to dress up or down.

Also, this type of T-shirt is the easiest to layer. All you have to do is grab your favorite colored tank top under and layer your T-shirt right above it.

One thing that I do right now, is pair my T-shirt up with one of my favorite scarves.

Adding a scarf can give it more color and variety to your T-shirt.

Skinny jeans: Once again, I cannot explain how many pairs of these that I've bought.

Right now, the "in" thing is jeggings, which are the most comfortable style of jeans I've ever worn. Jeggings are a mixture of a leggings type stretch paired in with a denim look. You can easily pair this off with that basic-white tee and cute pair of flats and you're good to go.

I'll be back next week with part two of the essentials of shopping.

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## Images from Miss LOB Pageant

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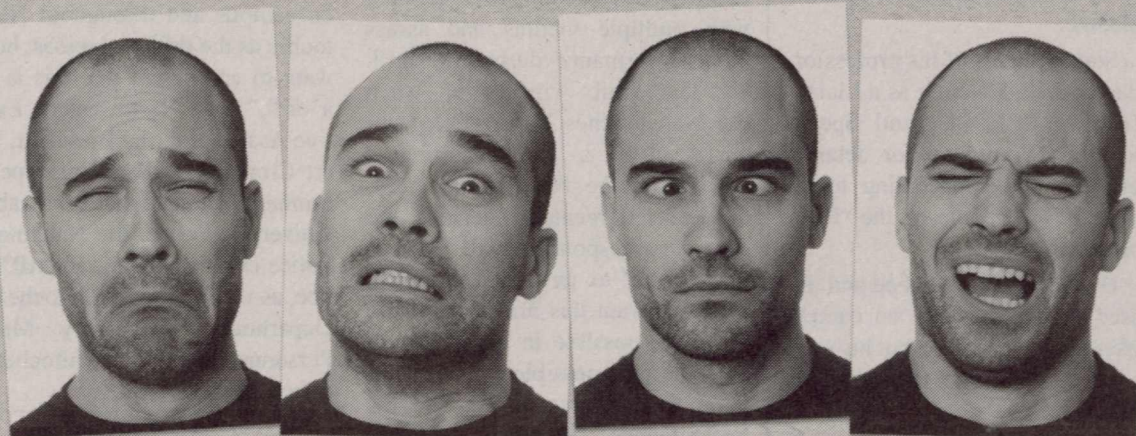
**Left:** Hope McFarland plays violin to "The Four Seasons Summer," Third Movement by Vivaldi, for the talent portion of LOB.

**Right:** Ruth Fruge, Miss 2011 LOB, gets crowned by Carley McCord, Miss 2010 LOB.

**Below:** The Demon Dazzlers show off their synchronization at a segment in the LOB program.



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Former MTV Real World star and diversity consultant, Mohammed Bilal, will be presenting the "12 Steps Towards Appreciating Diversity", Feb. 10, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

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## No thank you to time out

Z.K. McLendon  
Staff Columnist



or maybe seen them plastered on a friend's Facebook status.

But was being a child really that much better?

Sure, living with no worries and having a daily naptime was great, but there were subtle cons that came with being a child that people seem to overlook when reminiscing about childhood.

So to bring these cons to light, I've made a short list of why it is better to be an adult than a child:

**The Cookie Jar-** When I was a kid, the cookie jar was like a well-secured bank. I had to plan out such elaborate heists and use catlike reflexes just to get one Oreo.

Now, all I have to do is just walk into the kitchen and take one...or two...or three.

**Bedtime-** Whether it was 8 p.m., 9 p.m. or whenever, bedtime was etched in stone.

And it didn't matter what you were doing- building Lego castles, splitting atoms- when ever your parents said "bedtime" you knew it was

game over.

Sometimes you were able to squeeze out a few more minutes, but that was a rare treat.

Now, the midnight oil is constantly burning.

**The Remote-** So there you are on the edge of your seat because Tom has Jerry cornered, and you're dead certain that there is no way he'll get of this one.

And right as you're about to find out, your dad changes the channel to the news.

The remote was the Holy Grail of my house, and now it's mine...if I can find it.

**Time-Outs-** There is nothing more hated as a kid than having to sit on the dreaded TO stool or stick your nose in a corner.

Now, it's nothing to worry about, you know...unless you go to jail.

**The One Worry-** I said early that children have no worries, but that isn't exactly true.

There is one major worry that is in the back of every child's mind year round: pissing off Santa Clause.

Then you find out that it's all a lie, and in the end jolly old Saint Nick winds up pissing you off.

And the final reason, and perhaps the greatest of all...

**\*Alcohol-** Enough said.

So there you have it, my list of why it is better to be an adult than a child.

Now if you'll excuse me, I hear a cookie jar calling my name.

## Valentines Day: Not exclusive to couples

Taylor Graves  
Sauce Columnist



February, but the main thought people have during February is love.

Roses, chocolates, hearts and more are put into stores to distribute to the masses.

Red and pink have become the theme colors for the month.

Men are expected to buy a gift for that special person, take a girl out to dinner or find another way to put a smile on her face.

Love is suppose to fill the air.

Many men think Valentine's Day was designed by Hallmark to improve sells and every other lovey dovey company jumped on the bandwagon.

Some men even think the day was created by women so they could have an excuse to receive extra gifts during the year.

But remember the old saying "friends before boyfriends" or "bros before hoes"?

I fully believe those sayings and think they should also be applied to Valentine's Day.

My girl friends are a big part of my life, so what better day than Valentine's Day to show them how

special they are to me.

In fact, what better day than Valentine's Day to show everyone who means a lot to me how big of a difference he or she makes in my life?

Everyone likes to feel special despite if it is from a friend, family member or significant other.

So, doing something a little special for my friends to show how much they mean to me goes a long way in strengthening our friendships.

Valentine's Day is about making the people you love feel special and loved.

It is not about the things you buy, but more about the thought behind the action.

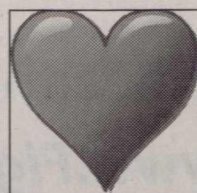
And what is really special is when that love and caring is returned with a smile or thank you.

Each year my parents get a gift from me, and I get one from them.

My girl friends receive a little Valentine's gift basket each February with different knick-knacks.

And, if I am in a relationship, I get something to make my boyfriend smile.

But no matter what I might buy or make for my friends and family, the real gift is knowing that the important people in my life know how important they are to me.



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## Oh say, can you sing?

Charles Crain  
Sauce Columnist



gleaming."

Let's think about that for a minute. How many of us could write out "The Star-Spangled Banner" right now?

Not many, because we memorized it by ear as children. I don't think I even know the full words now, I just come to a certain part of the song and I know what words to say.

While mulling this over, I couldn't help but feel a certain bit of sympathy for Pop diva Christina Aguilera.

I was well prepared for Christina's national anthem. It is usually my favorite segment of the big game, outside of the commercials.

I'm not the football type. I would rather watch Lady Gaga music videos in between commercial breaks.

The Super Bowl always tries to have something for all viewers, and for a Pop diva virtuoso like myself, a big voiced female singer belting the national anthem is a highlight.

Especially if that female singer is as talented as Christina Aguilera; whose voice has shaken rafters across the world.

The big moment had arrived. Glee's Lea Michele just performed a rousing performance of "America, the Beautiful" and Christina is introduced.

I immediately hold my breath, because I notice that she is performing a cappella. The national anthem is never great a cappella, there should always be a band behind the performer to give it an extra push.

Or, better yet, there should be someone lip-synching the performance.

Whitney Houston's famous performance at Super Bowl XXV was pre-recorded.

Jennifer Hudson's rousing performance two years ago was also taped. They are regarded as some of the best ever sung, and they weren't even live.

Christina set out to prove herself to people who think she still has something to prove, as if four #1 singles and five Grammy's were not enough to convince us that she has the chops.

Unfortunately, she gave her critics something new to talk about, and it's not her talent.

She flubbed four words, and that is all it took for media outlets to pounce.

You have to give it to her, though, as she gave us the one true water cooler moment of Super Bowl XLV.

Let's not allow ourselves to bring down a woman as talented as Christina, especially if her crime is as salacious as flubbing a few words in front of 111 million people.

By the dawn's early twilight red gleaming.

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## The art form of procrastination

Amber Neikirk  
Practicum Student



mode.

Why? I have not the foggiest idea of what my column will be about this week.

Granted, I have thought about it since I submitted my last column.

Yes, it is always there, looming in the back of my mind, saying, "Amber, you have a column due in days..."

I am a chronic over-thinker, over-analyzer, insert-your-favorite-phrase-here and while I have literally dozens of idea for columns, none of them sound promising this week.

It's because I have procrastinated to the very last second, and absolutely none of the topics in mind can be researched and well written in the

In other words, procrastination is a good thing, so as to go along with this finding, here are some reasons why putting off that paper due tomorrow is a good thing:

**The Stress Can Wait.** While that project is worth 20 percent of your grade and is never really out of mind, putting it out of sight and waiting until the day before can help you save some stress.

Who really needs to make themselves sick over an assignment?

Also, studies have shown that stress is bad for your health, so go ahead—go see a movie with friends and do that homework tomorrow.

**Youth is Wasted on The Young.** Anyone under the age of 30 has heard this before, so prove them wrong—go on an out-of-town trip with some friends for the weekend and then finish what you need to on Sunday night.

After all, you don't want to be sitting in your house old and gray wishing that you'd had more fun while you had the chance.

**Good Things Come to Those Who Wait.** Researchers say that some of our best work comes out of times when we feel pressured or hur-

be at work.

As college students, this phenomenon is nothing new; procrastination is more present these days than it ever was thanks to extra-curriculars, jobs, homework, family and social life.

In our culture, multi-tasking has almost become a necessity.

As the old saying goes, there are never enough hours in the day, and in order to squeeze as much "life" into them as possible, we're constantly on speakerphone while doing homework and listening to iTunes, Facebook stalking while watching TV and reading for tomorrow's class and, though very much frowned upon and now illegal, talking on the phone while driving and listening to the football game on the radio.

Procrastination is inevitable.

Shockingly enough, a study conducted at the University of Melbourne has found that procrastination in adults is a good thing and helped many regain their concentration and focus.

Ever wondered if you buckle under pressure or can shine during crunch time?

Now is a great time to fund out.

**SLEEP.** It can go without saying that sleep is necessary and a vital part of everyday functioning, and most college students never get enough.

Give in to your body's need to power down early tonight and get some much-needed rest.

**Let Them Down Easy:** This is a difficult one for me because I hate letting anyone down, be it teachers, employers or friends—no one likes disappointing anyone.

However, procrastination can be the answer to being stretched so thin and if a few people stop relying on you for everything under the sun, would that be such a bad thing?

From fun to decreasing stress, these reasons could help you improve your quality of life through procrastination. The Remedy by Jason Mraz sums it up well, "I won't worry my life away."

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-The Current Sauce staff

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## Lady Demons extend streak to three

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

A stifling defense and an aggressive offensive performance were all the Lady Demons needed as they cruised to a 78-59 win over the Islanders of Corpus Christi, Saturday at Prather Coliseum.

The win improved the Lady Demons to 10-12 overall and 5-4 in Southland Conference. Corpus Christi dropped to 2-20 overall and remained winless in Southland Conference play with a record of 0-9. This was the first time the Lady Demon beat the Islanders in six tries.

NSU held AMCC to 38 percent shooting from the floor for the game and forced the Islanders to turn the ball over 31 times which led to 35 points.

NSU led by eight going into halftime with the score being 29-21 but a 12-2 run that was sparked by a three-pointer from Jasmine Bradley quickly blew the game open as the Lady Demons were able to lead by as many as 29 points multiple times in the second half.

"I was really proud the way we came out of the lockerroom after halftime," Lady Demon Basketball head coach Jennifer Graf said. "And that's something we've struggled with a lot this season. I felt like a minute or two went by before we got into our groove and our rhythm and we were able to string a lot of points together in a short amount of time."

All NSU scorers were led by Jasmine Upchurch, who came off the bench and sunk 6 of 10 shots for 13 points. She was closely followed by Trudy Armstead who added 12



Photo by Ed Johnson/ The Current Sauce  
Jasmine Upchurch banks in a close-range shot. This was two of her 13 points in a 78-59 win over Corpus Christi

points. Jordi James scored double-digit points for the 15th consecutive game with her 11-point, eight-rebound and six-steal performance.

The Lady Demons shooting percentage was barely better than AMCC, shooting just 42 percent but the team racked up 29 assists during the process.

"We're realizing that we've got to make that extra pass sometimes,"

Graf said. And one thing that we're doing now that we didn't do early in the season is making more passes. We've started doing that and we're finding that closer and better looking shot."

The Lady Demons will return to action tonight, as the team travels to Beaumont, Texas to battle against Lamar University.

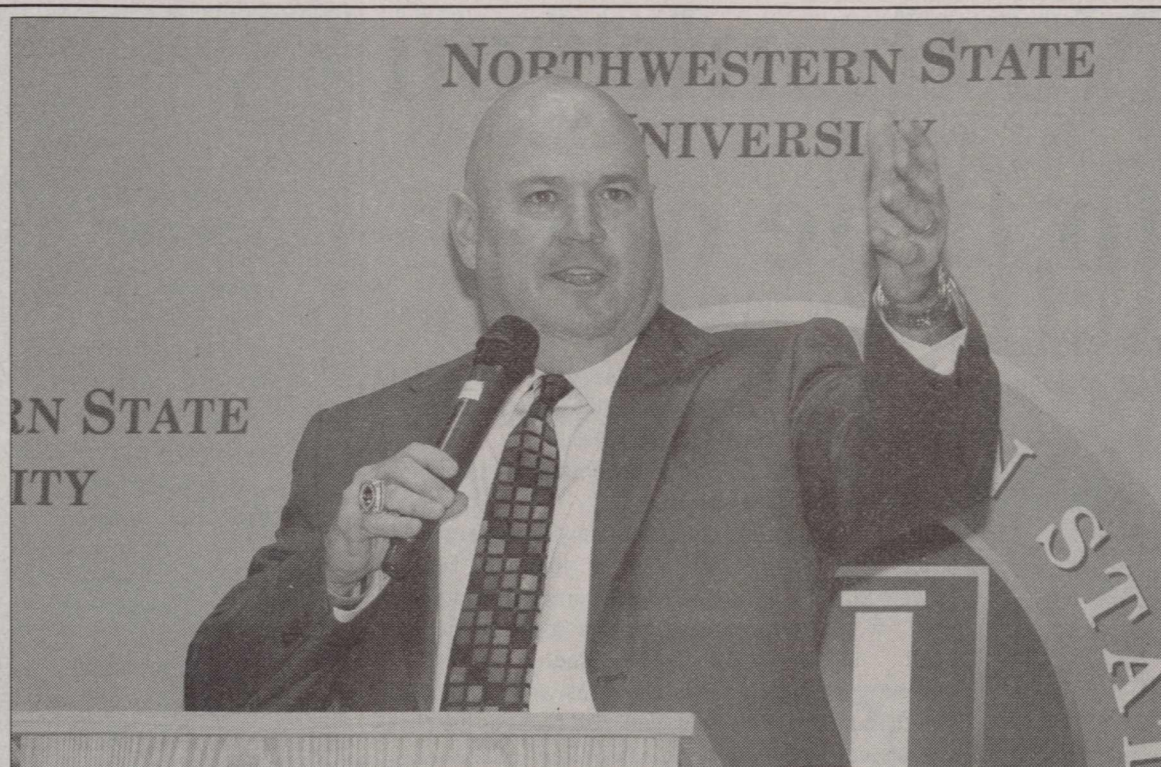
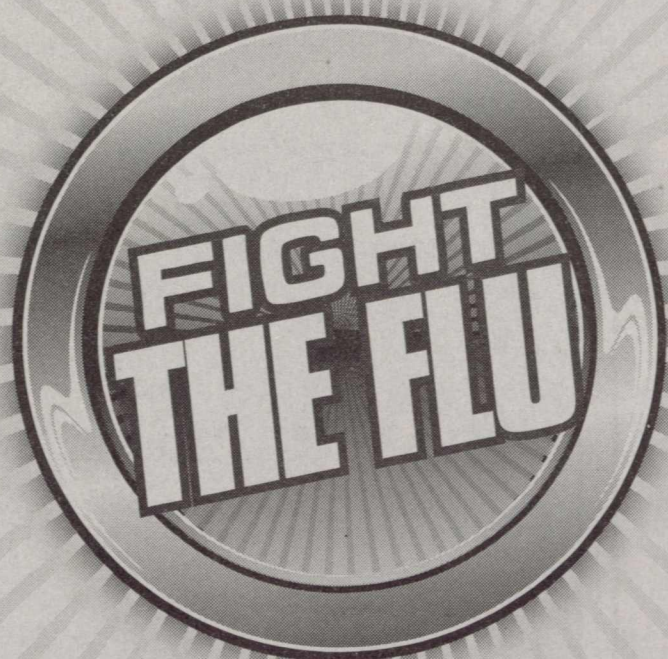


Photo by Gary Hardamon  
Demon football head coach Bradley Dale Peveto announces the newest members of Demon football

## Demon football adds 27 to the program

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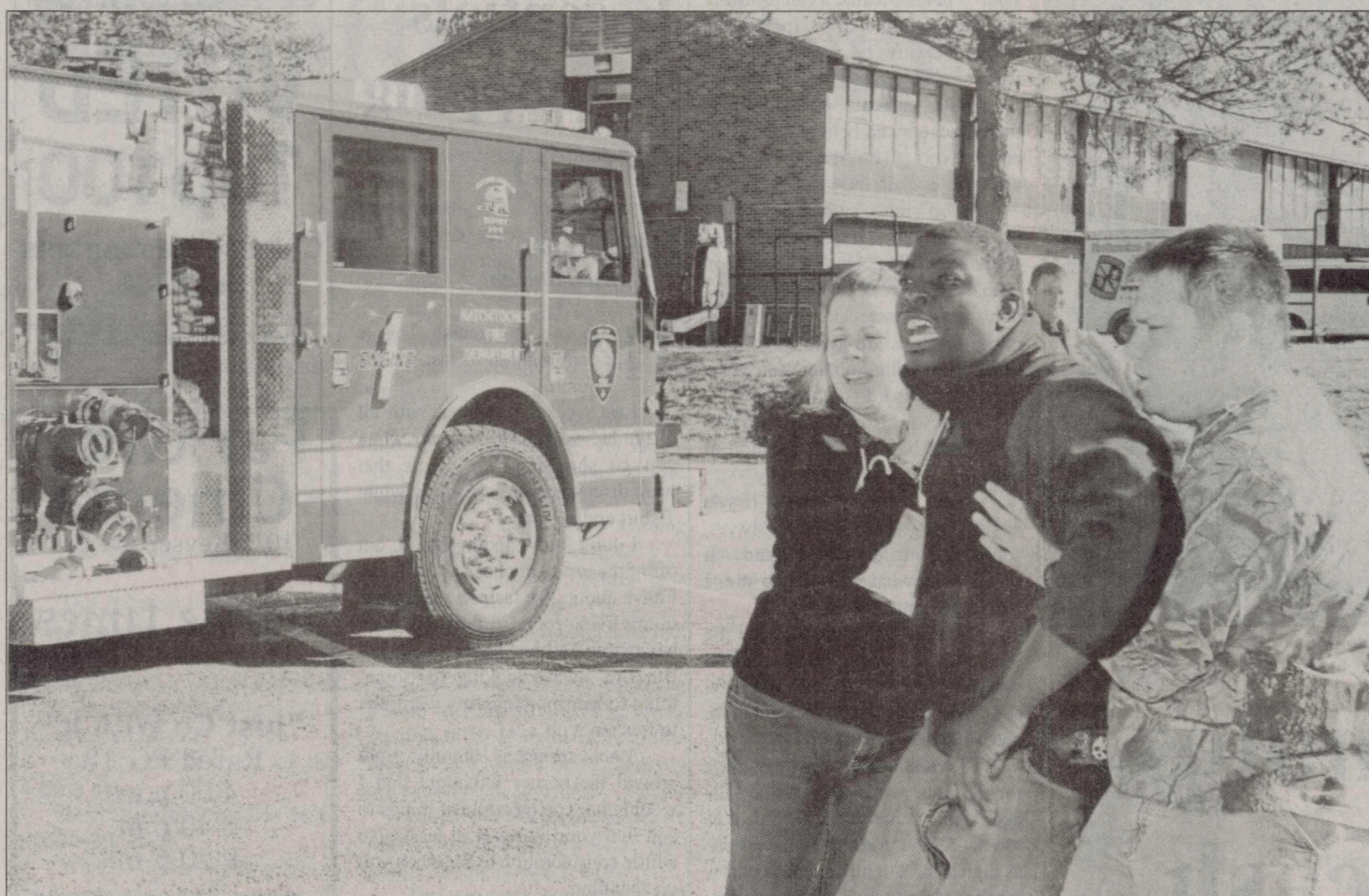
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Left: Jennifer Taylor, a professor in the Criminal Justice department, and Jordan Robeaux help Joshua Owusu-Duku stand as they simulate being in distress during a "shooter" drill that took place Sunday at Bossier Hall.



Photos contributed by Robert Crew

Right: NSU student Janie Luwisch wears the makeup that Reshad Horton and other theatre students applied to create the image of students being shot and wounded. About 30 students participated in the drill.

## Students play role in city's joint training exercise

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

University Police worked with agents from the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Department, Natchitoches City Police and Natchitoches Regional Medical Center to simulate a campus shooting and hostage situation Sunday, Feb. 13.

The "shooter" drill took place in the university's abandoned Bossier Hall and then moved to Natchitoches Regional Medical Center, where the drill became a "hostage" situation.

Robert Crew, the executive assistant to the President, helped organize training exercise and said it was

a success.

"The purpose of this was to test and to stress each one of these agencies in the city," Crew said.

He said that all of the agencies involved responded well to the drill and got valuable experience.

To add to the realism of the drill, around 30 NSU criminal justice and theatre students were implemented as live actors.

Theatre students applied makeup and paint to the actors that made it appear that the actors had been shot and injured.

Crew said the students were energetic and added a sense of stress and excitement for the police officers and EMT team.

Donald Stewart, an assistant

professor in the Criminal Justice department, helped organize and provide students for the drill and said the situation was positive for both the students and the professionals.

Stewart explained that the officers and trained personnel appreciated the realism the students provided, and the students were able to gain valuable experience that they will need in the future.

"I felt like it was a learning experience for students in criminal justice because they were able to interact with the professionals that they are going to school to, one day, become," Stewart said. "Our students really enjoyed it and we appreciate the opportunity."

He explained that the hands-on

practice received helped put what the students learn in the classroom into perspective.

"Sometimes there's a gap between theory and practical application," Stewart said. "By being a victim, [the students] got to see how professionals would interact if a situation like this would occur."

Reshad Horton, a senior theatre student, helped with the makeup for the actors and also served as one of the actors Sunday.

Horton said he has never taken part in anything like the drill before.

"We don't normally have things like this in our department, and it was an interesting acting experience because I had to be in character the entire time," Horton said.

He added that he also learned information that could help him in a crisis situation.

"I learned that when there is a shooting (praying that there will never be) that I should do what I can to not only save myself, but those around me, and to cooperate with the paramedics," Horton said.

The drill began with University Police responding to a simulated call that there was a shooting at Bossier Hall.

NSU's role was to have the building cleared by four campus officers for the city and parish police and EMT team to do their job, Crew explained.

Captain Donald Rachal with University Police said his officers

received great training.

"We practice this kind of thing all the time," Rachal said. "The students being involved this time, though, was a big difference. Normally we practice on our own, so we had to get used to it."

Rachal said it did not take long for the agencies to adapt to having actors to deal with.

"In the end, we just did what we were trained to do," he said.

University Police trains regularly with both city police and the Sheriff's department in the past, and Rachal said they will continue to do so to ensure all agencies are prepared for potential worst-case scenario.

## Natchitoches Parish Update

Taylor Graves  
Sauce Reporter

An open forum was held for the residents of Natchitoches on Monday, Feb. 14 to discuss the new iPhone "App."

Students and residents can now download the free "Explore Louisiana Crossroads" App on iPhones, iPods and any other Apple devices.

The App gives users information about Natchitoches and the surrounding area. This includes information on shops, restaurants, attractions and more.

Users can also find information about the Cane River National Heritage Area and river recreation in the area.

Although many people may think this is a good tool for visitors to the Natchitoches area, it also gives a lot of helpful information to students and residents.

A history of the plantations and other attractions in the area can be found on the App.

Also, directions for any location in Natchitoches can be found through this App.

The forum was for residents to get information on the App and give suggestions on how it can be improved.

Representatives from AT&T were at the forum to supply iPhones and iPads for the attendees to use to look at the App.

One suggestion brought up was to add video to the pictures and information provided by the App.

It was also decided the App will fall under the Crossroads Regions, which is a distinction made by the Office of Louisiana Tourism.

The App is now available for free to all Apple users.

## Scholars' College professor invited to birthday celebration of favorite author

Catherine Beverly  
Sauce Reporter

Holly Stave, Ph.D professor of English at the Louisiana Scholars' College, recently received an invitation to Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winning author Toni Morrison's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

Toni Morrison was born Feb. 18, 1931 in the small town of Lorain, Ohio.

She showed an interest in literature at an early age and eventually began her career at Howard University. She has served as critic, editor and lecturer over the years and specializes in African American literature.

Stave also had the privilege to have her writing appear in the book, or festschrift, which will be presented to Toni Morrison at the party.

She has appreciated the work of Toni Morrison for a long time. She said she is excited about meeting the woman many people call "one of the

best American writers of all time."

"Part of me gets giddy," Stave admitted.

Stave has decided to frame the formal invitation that she received last Wednesday.

Most of Stave's writing has been related to Morrison's works and her first published piece on the author was "Toni Morrison's Beloved and the Vindication of Lillith" in 1993.

The aspects of Morrison's writing style that Stave admires most include the "dazzling play of language" and the ability to "show the humanity in the despicable characters and the flaws in the lead characters."

Stave's favorite novel by Toni Morrison is "Paradise," which follows the story of the men of the all-black town of Ruby, Okla. and the women who live in a former convent a few miles away.

Her reaction to the novel was so powerful that she said, "Once I read the last page, without a break or a



Photo from nsula.edu  
Holly Stave, professor at the Louisiana Scholars' College, pictured above.

glass of water, I turned back to page one and read it again."

The celebration will be held this week in Washington, D.C. in a reception room in the Library of Congress.

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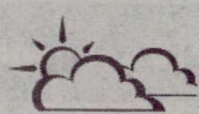
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Pictured above is a classroom of students and a teacher in Russell Hall using a technologically enhanced classroom.

## Students take notes to make extra cash

Taylor Graves  
Sauce Reporter

Have you ever been studying and needed some extra notes or wondered what your classmates got out of the class lectures? Or have you ever needed some extra money but spent all your time

in class and taking notes?

Well now students across the country have a chance to make money and share information through [www.flashnotes.com](http://www.flashnotes.com).

This new Web site allows students to put notes, outlines or any other study materials online to share with other students.

And the note takers can earn

money from each person who downloads their material.

The Web site started in December 2009 to give students an easy way to make money while still being good students and to assist those students who might miss class or need that little bit of extra help.

Although Flashnotes.com is becoming popular around the coun-

try, not all NSU students agree this would be a good resource to use when taking a class or studying.

"I most definitely would not [use Flashnotes.com]," Grace Show, freshman criminal justice major, said. "That is because I can probably get them for free from Sparknotes, or I could just be smart and take them in class."

Other students have faith in their teachers and believe the teachers give enough information and materials to explain the class.

"I don't think I would use it," La Shea Charleville, junior human performance major, said. "One reason is that I'm a college student, and I don't have money. The other reason is my teachers are good about putting power points and notes on Moodle or Blackboard."

Money is also an issue with other students but so is the question of morality.

"Well, I wouldn't use it if you have to pay for it," Zach Sawyer, sophomore history major, said. "It seems somewhat cheating to me. I would just rather wing a test."

Students who choose to use the Web site each have a username and password and is allowed to see exactly one-third of the notes before agreeing to buy them.

The note taker sets the price for the notes when they upload the document. Some notes have cost as low as \$1.99, and others have been as high as \$38. It all depends on how detailed and extensive the notes are.

Material is paid for through PayPal, so all information about the buyer and seller is kept confidential.

Flashnotes.com even has a guarantee policy for its users. If any buyer is not happy with the notes he or she has chosen, then their money will be fully refunded.

So, if students are in need of a little extra help, they can turn to Flashnotes.com for help.

## Theatre department takes ride to bus stop

Natalie Stewart  
Practicum Student

Northwestern State University Department of Theatre and Dance will be performing "Bus Stop," Feb. 16-19 and 23-26 at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West.

"When we choose our season we try to make sure to do an American Classic, this, by William Inge, a major American playwright, is a great play, a good message with a

good story," Scott Burrell, Coordinator of Theatre and Dance/Artistic Director, said.

The story takes place during a howling snowstorm; a busload of weary travelers must stay at a roadside diner until morning. Overnight, the café owner and the bus driver explore a long-overdue friendship, a middle-aged scholar faces his past and a small-town girl gets her first taste of romance.

"This is a great show for Valentine's, it's a love story that makes

you go 'aw,'" Burrell said. "The whole play centers around a love story and people you never thought would get together."

The cast includes: Alexis Smith, Eileen Peterson, Corwin Barnes, Timothy Callais, Morgan Mosley, Phillip Benson, Beau Wilson, Tim Sandifer, Director, Scott Burrell; Dramaturg, Sharla Mills; Stage Manager, Eric Yeager; Assistant Stage Manager, Katie Sadler; Set Designer, Nick Shelton; Light Designer, Nick Frederick; Costume

Designer, Jessie Par; and Sound Designer, Nick Lena.

"We're ready, we're tweaking everything and getting the specifics taken care of," Burrell said. "We're still trying to find the items that make a 1950s bus stop come to life, but the actors are ready, the costumes are ready, and the set is ready."

"Bus Stop," begins tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West. NSU Students get in free with a current student ID, and for non students tickets will cost \$15.00.

## The Look Book: Essentials of shopping (Pt. 2)

Tiffany Hall  
Practicum Student

Hello gals and gents! This is a continuation of last week's column.

Last week I discussed with all of the ladies what to look for when you go shopping. The items that were discussed were the basic white T-shirt and jeggings.

I don't know about you all, but off of the top of my head, I think that I have about 20+ fashion magazines in my living room. I probably even have more and just haven't counted. But I'm always looking for something to incorporate in my wardrobe to freshen it up.

Since spring is literally right around the corner I thought that I would give you a couple of things to add into your closet or at least give a little consideration to for when you go shopping.

I think that we can start with the shoes first this week.

Right now, the weather is acting a little funky. Cold one day and hot the next. For the colder days a calf-high boot in a brown color or your basic black can be an easy staple to add to any outfit.

For the warmer days, boots can still be worn of course, but to give a little variety, ankle high boots are super cute. While the temperature isn't exactly 45 degrees, with the warmth mixed in with the cooler winds, this type of weather gives you a pass to wear some form of a boot.

Also, there is the never-fail option of wearing a cute pair of ballet flats.

Since spring items are popping up in stores, here are a couple of things that you can buy now or at least look at, for when the temperature warms up.

Floral prints will definitely be here for another go 'round.' Instead of the smaller printed flowers that you're seeing now, bigger versions will be in along with the smaller print.

Also the flower prints will be in brighter colors as well. You're going to be seeing this print on shorts, yes shorts, and sundresses.

Also other than prints, pay attention to the colors that are starting to come out. I am personally seeing a lot of light blues and nude coloring.

The light blues are on different types of clothing, and the nude and camel coloring are going to be very big when it comes to heels and flats.

I actually just bought a pair of heels this week that I cannot wait to wear.

Happy shopping ladies!

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## Reminder:

Student Activities Board presents NSU Poetry Slam featuring former Southern Slam Poet Champion The Asia Project hosted by Brainy Acts Poetry Society Wednesday, Feb. 16th @ 7 p.m. in the Student Union Alley.

The Department of Language and Communication presents Spring Read Love/HATE. Explore the thin line between love and hate in an evening of literature, original and classic, Feb. 16 at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Watson Library Thomas-D'Amato Reading Room.

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# BS'in with the Bull: Life after College

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



or where I am, everyone loves asking the same question:

"Do you have plans for next year?"

This question has become such a sore spot for so many seniors at this point in the year that most will flat out preempt it with "I know this is the question we're not supposed to ask each other but..."

Now it's not how you ask that bothers me.

In fact, unlike most, I don't even mind being asked.

What bothers me is the response I often get when I tell someone my plans are still up in the air — the look of slight pity and concern that I still don't have my life completely figured out, followed by a weak, "Sorry I asked."

That response embodies an at-

titude toward our futures that I don't like.

For the first time, the next step in our lives is not predetermined.

There's no obvious path ahead like high school to college.

Our future is entirely up to us, and we have to work for it.

This makes me as nervous as the next person.

But I'm tired of everyone acting like we should all have our dream jobs completely figured out by now, because the majority of us don't.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with that.

Figuring out our futures is a very personal process.

Sometimes, it can feel a lot like taking 21 hours.

The constant stress of being behind and not having done every possible thing is comparable to that feeling I get when I think about my plans for the future.

Unlike our classes, however, we tend to go through this alone, constantly feeling behind the pack.

This year, it's especially tough thanks to the economy.

Nonetheless, well over half of my friends are starting to reach panic mode.

Because they aren't involved in the visibly stressful process of on-

campus recruitment and don't have their dream job yet, they feel that, somewhere along the road, they've messed up.

They got behind the game. They put their futures in jeopardy.

It doesn't help that we all came to NSU naively wishing that the NSU seal on our diplomas would automatically earn us six figures in our first year.

The truth of it is that, in this economy, it's extremely difficult to find your perfect job.

In fact, many graduates are taking on internships before finding a more permanent job.

We're all quick to forget (myself included) that our first job will not be our last.

So next time I get asked what my plans are next year, which will probably be within the next 12 hours, there will be no sheepish avoidance of the question.

I don't mind talking about it because not having plans yet isn't such a bad thing.

Right now, I get to figure out the rest of my life.

It's daunting. It's stressful. But, even when it feels like everyone else has it figured out, I know that I'm not alone.

And neither are you.

Come by our office, 227 Kyser and apply to become a staff writer for The Current Sauce. Meetings start at 6 p.m. every Monday. We hope to hear from you.

-The Current Sauce staff

## Sick and tired of Palin

Amber Neikirk  
Practicum Student



Hello, my name is Amber.

I am a registered Republican, and I am sick of Sarah Palin.

Seems I'm not the only one: a CNN Opinion poll taken in late January states that 56 percent of Americans now view her unfavorably.

Okay, okay, I'll admit that when she first burst onto the scene what feels like 20 years ago, I supported her.

I agreed with many of her ideas and Google'd the rest that I did not know of.

She seemed like the all-American mom—she talked as though her family came first and it sounded as though many of her ideas focused on getting back to the basics of government.

So shoot me, I believed it.

Many people I know were in the same category I was; the woman was different, and though I was not and still am not keen on a woman having that much power.

I thought that if any woman could pull it off it would definitely be Sarah Palin.

I respected her accomplishments and the fact that she could pull off a vice presidential nomination by a major political party.

Yes, I was wrong.

These days, if I see her on the news, I change to a different station; if I see her books in a bookstore, I hide them; and if there is a new story about her daughter, Bristol, and the drama with her baby's father, Levi, I skip it intentionally.

Maybe it was her prominence in the recent election that did it for me.

Maybe it was her books.

Maybe it was her short-lived television show—thank God it's been cancelled—or maybe it was Bristol's appearance on "Dancing with the Stars."

Maybe it was her ever-present opinion on anything and everything that no one cared about but that she still felt the need to go on television to defend.

Honestly, I believe what really solidified my utmost dislike for Sarah Palin came the day she resigned as the Alaskan governor.

She didn't quit her job as governor for health reasons or to take a higher office—say, Vice President of

the United States.

She quit her job to be an author and a personality, and by doing so made her top priorities in life known.

Don't get me wrong, I know everyone needs money, but what happened to her commitment to her state?

What happened to completing the job that the people elected her for?

I'm pretty sure that the people of Alaska thought that Palin would be finishing a four-year term, not two-and-a-half.

So, what happens if she runs for President in 2012?

As a CNN contributor so sweetly puts it, "By 2012, people are going to be so tired of her they're going to want to avoid eye contact."

It may not be fair, but this is the reality Palin chose when she stepped down as governor.

To overexpose yourself constantly may keep your name in the news, but rarely does it keep you in the good graces of your public.

There's an old maxim that says no press is bad press. There's also one that says too much of a good thing is a good thing.

Here's a better one—too much of a "good" thing is no longer good if you can't get away from it.

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## The science of cheating

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It got me thinking about why some human beings feel the need to cheat on their significant others.

After doing some research on the matter, I learned that the reasons aren't always so clear-cut.

The classic reason to cheat on someone is boredom.

I was once in a four-year relationship, so I know from experience that when the "honeymoon" period wears off, things can become repetitious and dull.

I never cheated, but I can understand how boredom can drive someone to do so.

This boredom can be overcome, however, with a little effort from the people in the relationship.

Things such as leaving a love note in his car or sending flowers to her work can really breathe new life into a relationship and prevent someone from cheating.

But what if I told you that there is a chemical in our brains that can cause people to become addicted to cheating?

Well there is, and it's called dopamine.

"That is what is released and exists in very high levels during new lust," Gail Saltz, author of many books about cheating, said. "And it's very addictive. It is-- about repetitive excitement, risk taking, new experience."

The act of cheating can be quite intoxicating to some people, especially to men that are genetically predisposed to it.

That's right. There is actually a gene that can cause some men to cheat.

"A study published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* revealed that men with a particular gene are less likely to bond with their partner, opening the door to infidelity," according to LifeScript.com.

The final reason that can cause people to cheat is that it is simply human nature.

We are primitive beings at heart. Sure, evolution has made us intelligent, but that primitive spirit still lingers in our core.

That being said, the idea of monogamy actually goes against our primitive nature.

Think about it like this: there are thousands of animals in the world, including human beings, and out of all that life, only 3 percent are monogamous, according to AnimalPlanet.com.

That's probably why divorce rates are at an all time high.

Now, I don't advocate cheating. In fact, I think it is one of humanities most heinous acts.

But the tragic truth is that as long as humans walk the Earth, most of them are going to cheat at some point.

My hope is that by learning more about the physiology behind it, we will be better equipped to just say "no" to temptation and prevent a lot of heartbreak.

## Lets go GaGa , please

Charles Crain  
Sauce Columnist



Gaga's new #1 single, "Born This Way."

She preaches a message of tolerance, acceptance, love and pride.

There is an incredible production, the beats pulsate and implore you to dance with her.

She isn't singing about blacking out at a club or going home with some random bar trash.

Isn't this exactly what Pop music needs?

Someone who is secure in herself, presents herself as a strong, independent woman and makes music

that strengthens people?

This isn't what I've been hearing about Lady Gaga lately.

People have issues with how she dresses, the way she looks and the way she carries herself.

Why?

What does the meat dress or the egg have to do with how talented she is or the quality of her music?

Some people say that this is the only way she'll get attention, and that makes her a media whore.

Not true, as Stefani Germanotta she wrote songs for Britney Spears, The Pussycat Dolls and Fergie.

She worked hard and allowed others to record potential hit singles before inking her own recording contract.

In Pop music, there is a history of musicians who use their image to push their music.

Where would "Thriller" be without the iconic music video?

Would Madonna be selling out arenas worldwide without MTV?

It's doubtful that they would have reached such career highs without an image.

At the time, Michael and Madonna were on the front page of every tabloid and the lips of every American.

Today they are regarded as trailblazers, icons and musical geniuses. Both have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

They were unapologetic in their performances and Lady Gaga has taken a page from their books.

She dresses in high fashion, advocates for gay rights and isn't afraid to take a risk.

Why should we settle for cookie-cutter, forgettable female artists?

Why do the critics want to punish success?

Let's allow our Pop singers to grow, experiment and entertain us.

Let them wear one white glove, a cone bra or a meat dress. Let them dance with a snake.

She was born this way, baby.

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## Demons lose top spot again

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

For the second time this season, the NSU Demons fell to the Southeast Lions and relinquished their top Southland Conference spot.

The Lions beat the Demons Saturday afternoon in Prather Coliseum by the score of 76-68.

The Demons lost for the second time in the last seven games, dropping their record to 15-11 and a SLC record of 7-4.

The Lions improved their win streak to two games in a row while bettering their SLC record to 6-4. Southeastern stretched their series streak over NSU to six games in a row.

SLU took the lead for the last time with 3:30 left in the game. SLU forward Brandon Fortenberry sank a mid-range jumper to give SLU the lead with a score of 58-57.

The Demons could have taken the lead back but Demon basketball player William Mosley missed a pair of free throws.

The Lions went up by four after Gary Dix nailed a three-pointer with 2:43 remaining.

The Demons finally scored when Will Pratt drove into the lane and made a tough layup. Trent Hutchin sank a three-pointer on the next SLU possession. The Lions continued to extend the lead, making their last nine free throws with 51 seconds left in the game.

"We weren't able to capitalize on key opportunities down the stretch," senior Demon guard Logan McConathy said. "We didn't make free throws and that definitely doesn't help. They did make free throws and weren't able to get back

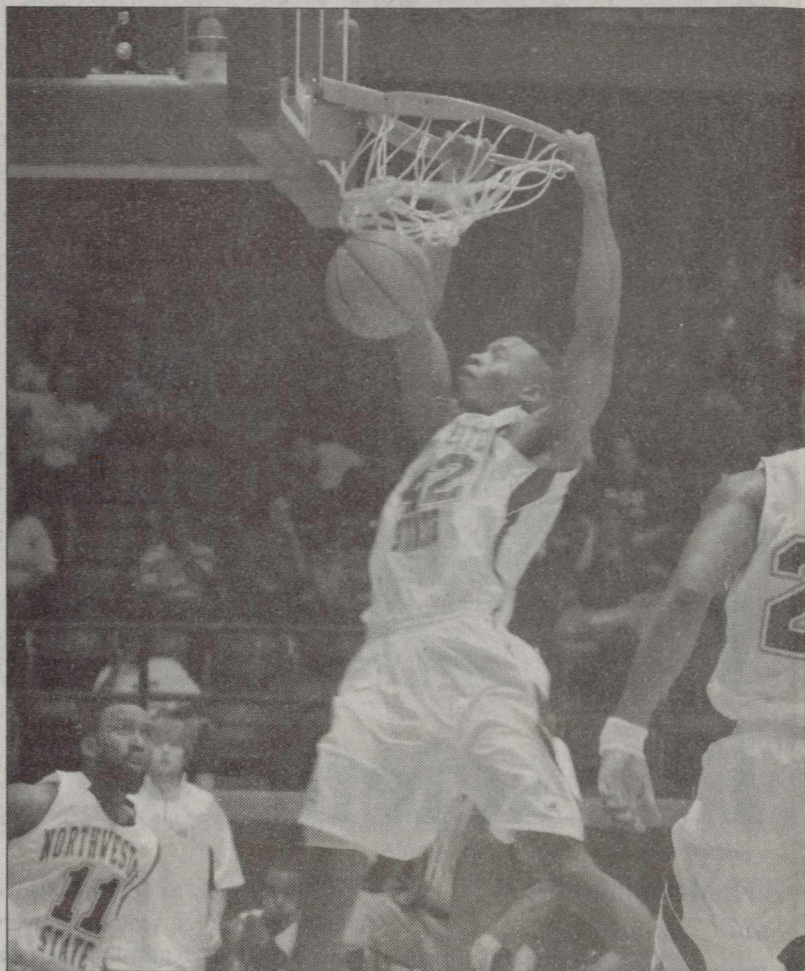


Photo by Ed Johnson/ The Current Sauce  
William Mosley throws down a slam dunk. Mosley scored 18 points in a 76-68 loss to Southeastern.

in the game because of that."

The Lions outbounded the Demons 48-32 with the help of poor shooting. The nation's leading shot blocker William Mosley snagged a game-high 12 rebounds and scored a career-high 18 points and blocked six shots.

"I focused on sealing hard and getting in good positions for the guard to give me the ball," Mosley said. "I could have helped my team more if I would have made my free throws. That's something I will con-

tinue to work on."

The Demons shot 12 of 25 from the charity strip and 4-14 from beyond the arc.

"There was a lot of time we were hesitant," McConathy said. "We may have had open shots, but we thought someone else had a better shot. We played a little too selfish."

The Demons are off tonight but will return to action Saturday as the team travels to Lake Charles to play McNeese State.



Photo by Gary Hardamon  
NSU came back to beat Southeast Missouri State 10-2 after being down by two early in the game.

## Lady Demons overpower Southeast Missouri State

Kavolshaia Howze  
Sports Info

Sophomore outfielder Ashlee England awakened the Northwestern State offense with a grand slam in the third inning, highlighting a seven-run inning Sunday that keyed a 10-2 win over Southeast Missouri State in the ULM Mardi Gras Classic softball tournament.

Scoring 10 unanswered after trailing 2-0 early in the game, the Lady Demons wrapped up the weekend at the Louisiana-Monroe tournament with a 3-2 record in their first action of 2011.

Newcomer Tara McKenney

continued to produce in the leadoff position as she went 2-for-3, including her fourth double of the season, and scored twice. After pitching four innings against SMO on Friday, Kylie Roos contributed at the plate Sunday with a double in a solid 2-for-4 outing at the plate as NSU piled up 10 hits.

Brooke Boening (2-0) picked up the win, posting three strikeouts and with only one walk while allowing only two hits against the Redhawk offense. After pitching over seven innings in the tourney, the Poth, Texas sophomore owns a 2.70 earned run average to start the 2011 season.

"It's hard to beat a team twice and we got behind early," said third-

year head coach Donald Pickett.

"But the girls fought hard with Ashlee leading the way with her grand slam and the rest of the lineup adding to the effort.

"Overall, we had an up-and-down weekend," said Pickett. "Our bats came alive in certain situations, we got some good pitching from our rotation and it was good to see what the girls can do in game situations. We still have some things to work on but I know the girls will be good to go for the next game."

The Lady Demons' home opener at the Lady Demon Diamond comes against Jackson State this Wednesday at 4.

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## NSU wins close game in Hammond

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Trudy Armstead scored 16 points and Jasmine Upchurch had 14, but it was the final four points of Jordi James' 10 that lifted Northwestern State to a thrilling 54-53 Southland Conference women's basketball win over Southeastern Louisiana Saturday afternoon.

Trailing 53-50 with 3:23 to play in the game, James hit back-to-back baskets - the first with 1:28 to play and the last with 1:02 left, and NSU forced the Lady Lions into a poor last second shot that missed everything to savor the win.

The win moved NSU to 11-13 on the season and 6-5 in conference play while completing the season sweep over SLU while picking up the fifth straight win over the Lady Lions.

"It's a huge win for us," said head coach Jennifer Graf. "We're scrapping to get our position in the conference tournament. With six games left, you have to get every possible game you can to move up in the standings. This was just a great win for us, and now with a week off until we play at McNeese, we have some time to correct the things that need worked on and get some rest as well."

SLU (10-12, 2-8 SLC) had a chance to win the game but Kelli Jenkins' jumper at the buzzer failed to hit anything and the Lady Demons escaped with the win. But the excit-

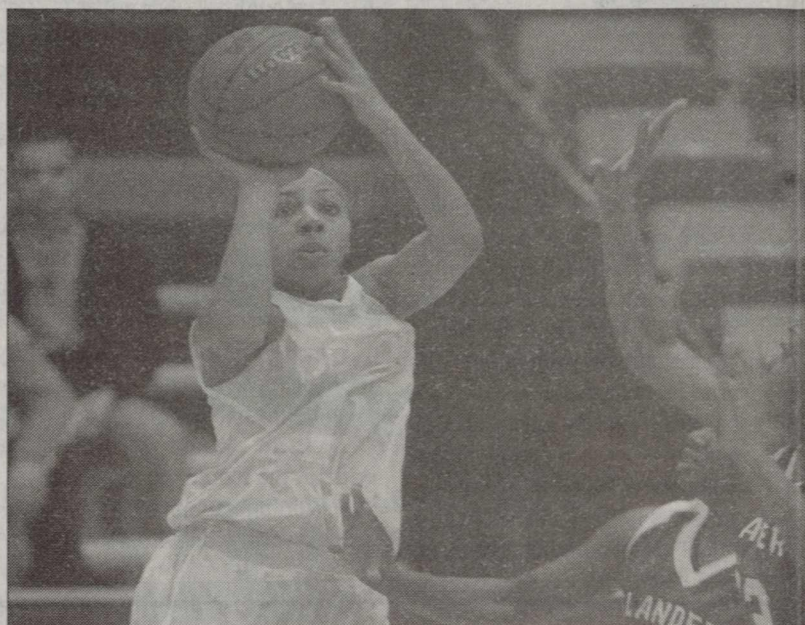


Photo by Gary Hardamon  
Brittiany Houston had six points and five assists in a close game against SLU. The Lady Demons won 54-53.

ing ending didn't look like it would happen as NSU stormed out to a quick double-digit lead.

"That first 10 minutes of the first half, especially that first possession, we were really playing lights out," said Graf.

Northwestern State led 16-4 behind 10 points from Armstead in the first six minutes of the contest. NSU passed the ball around 12 times in the first possession before Armstead sank a baseline jumper for the game's first score.

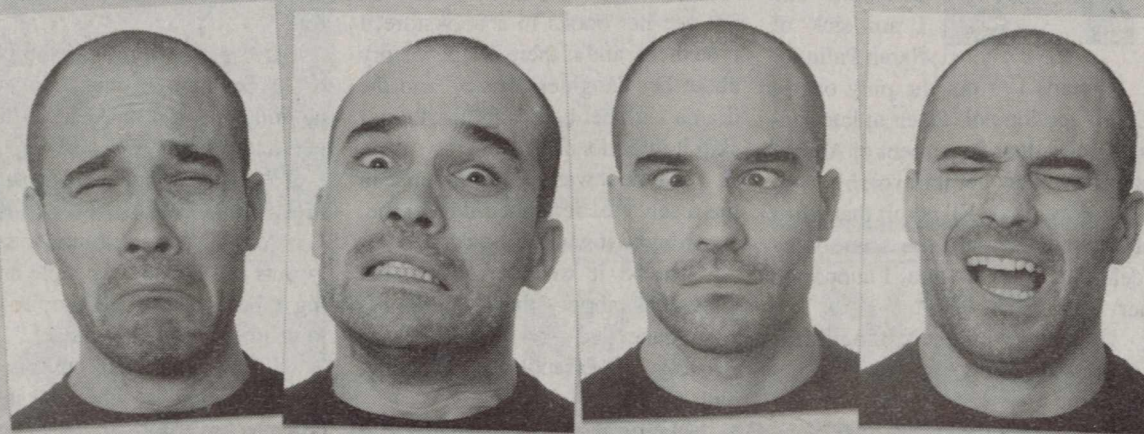
"All of the coaches on the bench kinda looked at each other and asked 'where did that come from,'" said

Graf. "But we've been doing a really good job of moving the ball around lately."

Armstead would be forced to leave the game after picking up her second foul and SLU responded by going on an 18-5 run to grab a 22-21 lead after a Rashima Jenkins jumper with 7:24 to play in the half.

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## Political distress in Egypt hits home for NSU professor

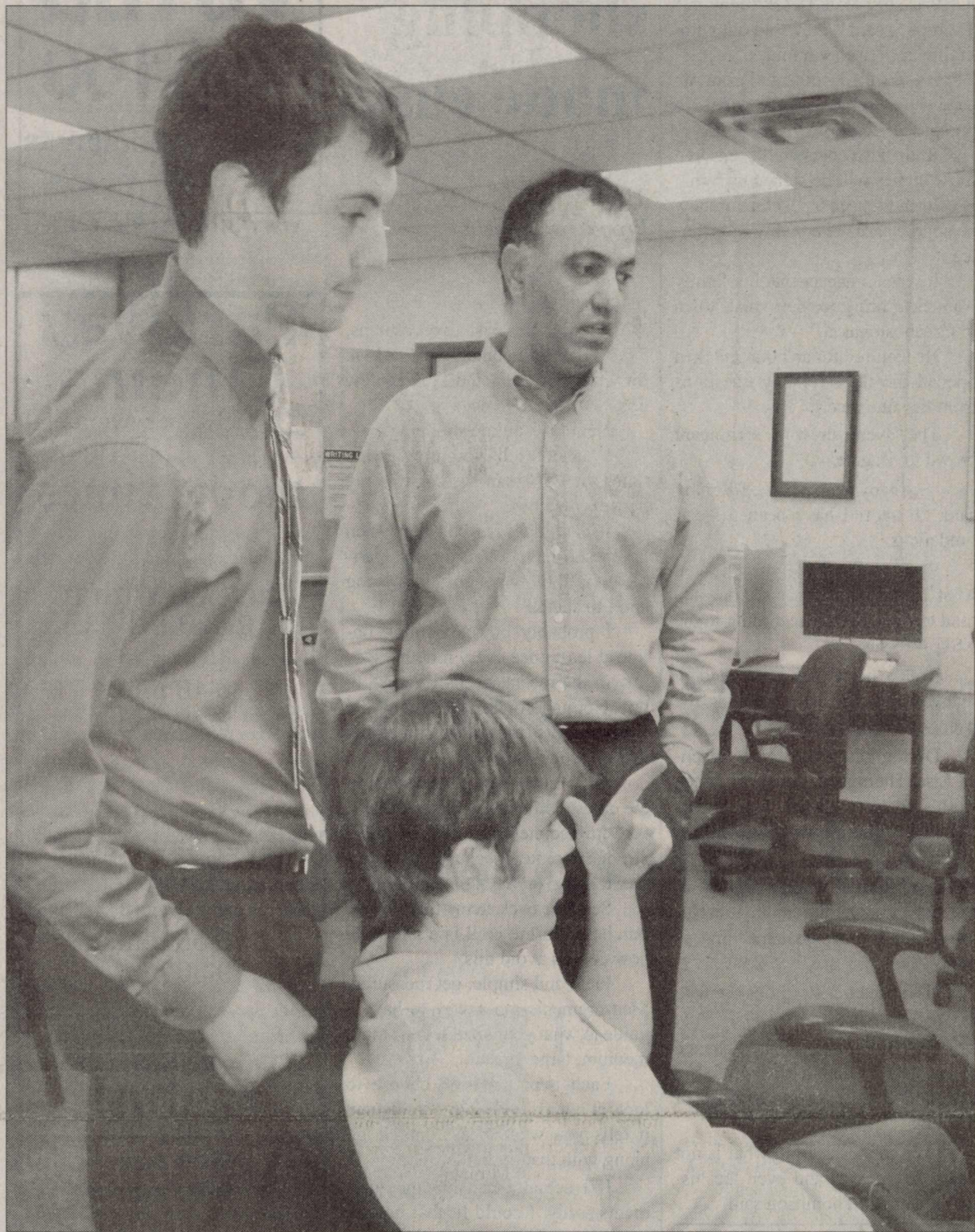


Photo by Taylor Graves/ The Current Sauce  
Hesham Mesbah (right), a professor in the Journalism Department at NSU, works with two students in class. Mesbah was born and raised in Alexandria, Egypt, and has strong opinions toward the political reform taking place in the country.

**Catherine Beverly**  
*Sauce Reporter*

**David Royal**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

For about a month, the world has watched in anticipation as the people of Egypt have called for political reform.

Locally, Hesham Mesbah, Ph. D of Journalism and professor at NSU, has taken a particular interest in the events.

Mesbah, who has been a journalism professor at NSU since 2007, was born and raised in Alexandria, Egypt.

He obtained his college education and worked in Cairo. He moved to the United State for the first time in 1994.

Mesbah said he is concerned with the events that have taken place in his home country, and he checks news sources multiple times a day to stay informed.

He is not only interested in the well being of Egypt, but also his family, who still live there.

Although communication through the Internet and mobile phones has been unreliable, Mesbah explained that he has managed to stay in contact with his family through the city's ground phone lines.

With his full support, the males in Mesbah's family have taken part in the demonstrations in Egypt, Mesbah said.

"I'm proud," he said. "I'm very proud of my family, and I've told them that."

Mesbah explained that he is nervous for his family's safety, but added that he believes that being active in the protests is necessary.

"It's a time in which anything can happen," he said. "There's a price that must be paid, though, and

people should be willing to pay it."

The tension in Egypt has been there since the beginning of President Hosni Mubarak's reign, but the spark of the protests was the resignation of the Tunisian leader, Zine al-Abedine Ben Ali.

"They discovered that they were stronger than they thought," Mesbah said. "With the gap between the rich and poor growing, the enormous corruption at the government level and the stagnation of all life, the only option was change."

After 18 days of protesting, political demonstrators in the nation saw a major movement in the right direction. As of Feb. 11, Mubarak resigned from his position as the President of Egypt.

He began his reign in 1981, after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat. He took office since he was the Vice President and gave promises of political reform.

Though he vowed to stay in office for two terms of 6 years each, Mubarak has stepped down with almost thirty years of experience as President of Egypt.

Political reform came with his election, but in the form of an Emergency Law that suppressed the public voice by monitoring all forms of publication and suppressing the protests of the Egyptian citizens.

The Emergency Law came into being after Sadat was assassinated, a temporary solution for the chaos his death caused. Mubarak continued to reinstate the Emergency Law every year to maintain his control.

In the last 29 years, Egypt has been patrolled by a private security force, not the military, and has not had the opportunity to vote for a candidate other than Mubarak since his election.

Until September 2005, the only form of voting that existed was a 'yes or no' poll. This involved one candidate (Mubarak) that citizens

would vote for. Yes, he remains in office; no, he remains in office.

When this changed, multiple candidates were allowed to join the run for office, but they had to apply to a council to be allowed to participate. This committee was headed by the military leader, or Mubarak.

In short: to run against the President, the President must approve.

Now that Mubarak's reign has officially ended with his resignation, Vice President Joe Biden is trying to defend the United States' role in keeping him in office.

On the TV program Newshour, Biden claimed that Mubarak was "an ally... not a dictator."

Mesbah said Mubarak relinquishing his power is important, but more needs to be done.

"Today is much better than yesterday, but there are so many things keeping us from feeling optimistic," Mesbah said.

Rondo Keele, Ph. D of Philosophy and an assistant professor for the Louisiana Scholars' College, taught at the American University in Cairo and shares similar ideas about the current political situation in Egypt.

Keele also attributes some of the change to the growing access to social media and networking. The younger Egyptians became politically and internationally aware, more so than their parents.

In response to America's involvement with the country, both professors believe that U.S. foreign policy needs to change.

Keele refers to the policies as "light being bent and distorted."

Both professors believe that the Egyptians are proceeding the right way after this victory and are sure that the state of affairs in Egypt will change for the better.

Egypt, like Tunisia, has also sparked protests in countries such as Libya and Yemen.

## ROTC hosts state drill meet, prepares for future events

**Taylor Graves**  
*Staff Reporter*

The NSU Army ROTC hosted the JROTC State Drill Competition Saturday for more than 400 JROTC high school students.

This competition was specially important because the JROTC drill teams were competing for the state trophy and a spot to compete in the National Drill Competition later in the year. Lt. Col. Kevin McAllister, professor of military science, said.

From across the state, 25 schools with over 400 students traveled to compete in nine separate events and

an overall competition.

Schools that participated included high schools from the Monroe, Shreveport, east Baton Rouge and Lake Charles areas.

Schools competed in events in armed and unarmed divisions.

The events included regulation, exhibition, color guard and inspection.

The ninth event was a dual exhibition which could have been armed or unarmed.

Cadet Battalion Commander Elisha Ibanga helped organize and run the event.

Ibanga said that the drill competition was important to the high

school students and said he was glad to help provide the event for them.

"Although it may not seem like a big deal to us, these high school kids really live for these drill competitions," Ibanga said. "This weekend was a lot of work, but I know it meant a lot to the students, so it was worth it in the end."

The overall winner was Grant Parish High School. Grant Parish also won the overall competition for the armed and unarmed divisions.

Local Natchitoches Central High School placed second in the armed exhibition competition. Tara High School from Baton Rouge, Caddo Magnet High School from

Shreveport and Southwood High School from Shreveport also placed in the separate events.

Judges included reserve drill sergeants from Shreveport and active duty officers from Fort Polk.

Students from the Demon Battalion helped run the event through the welcome committee, host committee and scoring committee they developed for the event.

They also set up all event areas the day before the event took place.

Hosting the drill competition was the first of the NSU Army ROTC events for the semester.

Their next big event is the Regional Ball in March. Alumni and

current cadets are invited to the event to recognize the graduating seniors.

This year's ball will also honor the NSU Black Knights' wins from the 50's and 60's, when the Black Knights were a powerhouse drill team in the country.

Seminole Strike and a staff ride are the two major field-training exercises scheduled for this semester.

Juniors and seniors in ROTC left today for Seminole Strike where they will practice their situational training and mission planning skills for five days with multiple schools.

Participating schools include the University of Alabama, the Uni-

versity of Mississippi and Grambling State University.

The staff ride will be a history-training trip where seniors will go to Vicksburg, Miss. and role-play as commanders from the Battle of Vicksburg during the Civil War.

They will have to research and analyze the battle and reenact the actions of their assigned soldier.

"This exercise is to take lessons learned from the past and see how they apply to today," McAllister said.

All of these events lead up to the commissioning of ROTC cadets as second lieutenants when they graduate at the end of the semester.

## Alumna leaves estate to form charitable trust for scholarships

**David Royal**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

NSU alumna Mary Rives Gallaspy has designated in her Last Will and Testament that part of her estate be used to form a charitable trust that would be managed by the Board of Directors of the NSU Foundation.

Gallaspy, who attended NSU

to become an educator, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, in Shreveport.

Part of her last wishes were to create two charitable trusts: one for the NSU Foundation and the other for the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe.

"Miss Gallaspy has been faithful to her community, church and this university," NSU President Randall Webb said.

Webb explained that it was Gal-

laspy's plan to have all profits from a part of her property go toward two undergraduate scholarships.

A scholarship in the name of her aunt, Hettie M. Fincher, would be provided for a mathematics or science student and another in Gallaspy's name for a business or education student.

Details concerning when the two trusts will be formed and how much they will be worth are de-

pendant on appraisal values and it could be a while until the details are worked out, Webb said.

"We hope to know more about the disposition of the proceeds within the next six months," he said.

Gallaspy was born May 1, 1925 in Pelican Louisiana.

She graduated from Pelican High School and earned her masters degree from the University of Colo-

rado and the University of Arkansas.

Gallaspy taught business and Louisiana history at Pelican High School from 1945-1971.

She also was the owner of Rocking G. Farms, a cattle and timber business.

Gallaspy was a lifelong member of Pelican Baptist Church and served the church family diligently.

She served as chairman of

the fundraising committee for the church's new fellowship hall, donated a piano and an organ and property for the expansion of the Pelican Cemetery.

Several other members of Gallaspy's family attended NSU and her relative, Leigh Ann Myers, is a professor in the Math Department.

"Miss Gallaspy was just a wonderful woman and also has a wonderful family," Webb said.

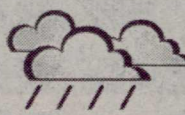
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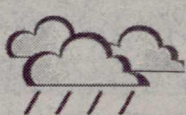
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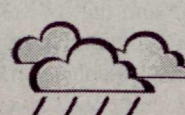
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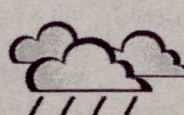
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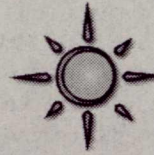






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Above, Irving Roth, international educator and Holocaust survivor, signs autographs for faculty members and students at his book reading sponsored by the NSU Writing Project.

## Holocaust survivor speaks at book reading

Jeff Sholar  
Sauce Reporter

For a night, students and faculty got to hear about the horrors of the Holocaust, through the perspective of a survivor.

International educator and author, Irving Roth spoke about his book "Bondi's Brother" as part of the NSU Writing Project.

The project focuses on providing students with a different learning experience.

Another goal is for participants

to take away practical ideas and resources, according to the projects Web site.

Roth's novel outlines his life in Europe and coming to America after the war.

His writing style is simple, making readers understand the story clearly.

Roth has been a recipient of the Spirit of Ann Frank Award and is one of the most sought after Holocaust educators.

Magale Recital Hall overflowed with NSU students, faculty, staff and Natchitoches locals the night of

Roth's presentation.

Junior English education major, Kelsey Rankin, was just one of the many students there because she knew it was going to be a good experience.

"I want to hear about it from someone who went through it," Rankin said.

Junior biology education major, Paula Thompson, was there solely based on her personal interest.

"I wanted to be here," Thompson said.

Thompson was also one of the many participants that wanted a

copy of Roth's memoir, but unfortunately was unable to get one.

Roth's book sells on Amazon for about \$75.

Thompson hoped to be able to get a copy for only \$15 and a chance for Roth to sign it.

However, she did not get there early enough.

"I got there around 5:30 p.m. but that still wasn't early enough," Thompson said "They sold out within fifteen to twenty minutes."

Agents for Roth had to print out paper promises for people unable to purchase their copy.

Roth also personally ensured those copies will be signed by him.

Roth focused his lecture on how he appreciated the equality of America.

It was an aspect that his family wanted to bring to their small town in Czechoslovakia.

He lectured for an hour and then opened the floor for any questions from the audience.

The event drew a significant crowd to Magale.

"So many people came," Rankin said. "It should have been in A.A. Fredericks."

Roth outlined his speeches on what he calls, "signposts along the road to Auschwitz," according to the NSU Web site.

Roth's novel has been read in many high schools for studying the event of the Holocaust.

During his presentation teacher Lisa Thompson said how much Roth's book effected her understanding of this "touchy" subject.

At the end of the hour long presentation Rankin walked away with not only knowledge about the Holocaust, but a personal meaning as well

"It makes our struggles seem so trivial," Rankin said.

For Thompson it was a chance to see history come to life before her eyes and experience a new form of learning

"We can learn from what is not in books, movies and even the history channel," Thompson said.

## The Look Book: Online shopping made easy

Tiffany Hall  
Practicum Student

Hello! For the past two columns, I've told you all what to look for when you shop and I gave a few tips.

Next tip... online shopping. I cannot tell you how many times the UPS man has come to my house with a box.

It has gotten so bad that when he doesn't have a box for my apartment, he'll blow his horn at my dog and I to speak.

I probably buy something online at least once every month.

In the recent weeks I've had to buy clothing for organizations that I'm in or just to replace something that my dog destroyed.

But besides that, I have some of the cutest items in my closet that I'll take immediately out the box and I get disappointed because, it was either too big, or way too small.

Sending back items that you've purchased in the mail is a pain. So how do you avoid this?

Plain and simple, get measured. Measurements are a way to have a guide to what your size is, i.e., small, medium, large, etc.

Each item that you choose to look at comes with a size guide and it tells you what measurements go along with that particular item.

If I actually had my measurements ready, I could fit that houndstooth coat that has been taking up space in my closet.

Getting your measurements done can save you A LOT of money when it comes to buying clothes.

You can easily rack up a huge bill if you choose to re-order anything.

Here's another option if you don't have your measurements.

Order the next size up. You can always get something altered to get your item a little smaller and custom tailored for your body type.

Different clothing companies now are making pieces to be smaller, even though it may be a size "8".

I just recently ordered an outfit and to be on the safe side, I ordered the next size up, and when I tried it on, it almost fit exactly.

Well, I hope that every one has a great week. Midterms are coming up, so study hard, and maybe you can reward yourself afterwards with some online shopping.

Happy shopping!

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9:30 p.m.

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#### "I Am Number Four"

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Pictured above are members of Theta Chi Fraternity and Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority standing by the table of breakfast items for NSU students on Kyser brickway.

## Theta Chi and Alpha Sigma Alpha remember their core values

Natalie Stewart  
Practicum Student

Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority and Theta Chi Fraternity partnered together to provide a service event to NSU students.

"Every year we try to provide service to the students and this semester we decided to provide breakfast to them," Austin McCan, Theta Chi Service Chair, said.

The organizations teamed together to serve breakfast to students yesterday from 7-10 a.m. on the Kyser brick way.

"Austin [McCan] approached me about doing a service exchange, and he came up with the idea," Krystyn Greene, Alpha Sigma Alpha Service Chair said. "It was a good idea because everyone needs break-

fast, and too many people skip it."

Both organizations went in half, using their service budget, to provide breakfast items to students.

"We do this so students know that being Greek is not all about what you see on TV," Amber Wilson said. "We do help people, and we always want to give back to the students. Even for those who do not know about Greek life, it is a good way to get our name out there."

Alpha Sigma Alpha and Theta Chi handed out apples, bananas, cereal bars, pop tarts, McGriddles from McDonalds, orange juice and bottles of water to students.

"Theta Chi's motto is 'extending a helping hand,' and that is exactly what the Eta Omicron chapter is known for," Michael Stephenson, Theta Chi Secretary, said. "We strive to live by that motto by doing service projects just like this. We would not have been able to provide this

service without the help of Alpha Sigma Alpha."

This is not the first time for these two groups to get involved with service projects together either.

Theta Chi has been the winner of the Lady Bug Olympics, hosted by Alpha Sigma Alpha, for the past two years. The fun day of olympic style games benefits The Special Olympics, which is one of the sorority's national philanthropies.

Solomon Matthews, Theta Chi President, believes that fraternities and sororities should be predominantly occupied by service endeavors anyway.

"Service is the reason why most of our organizations were founded in the first place, so it makes sense that we hold events to embrace our original values," Matthews said.

Both groups have future service events planned for students to participate in as well.

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## Green with Envy

Amber Neikirk  
Practicum Student



Just to pass the time this week, I logged on to Facebook when I should have been doing homework. Bet you'll never guess what popped up on my latest news feed: So-and-So is now in a relationship with So-and-So.

So-and-So is now engaged to So-and-So.

"I finally got a new car!" brags one status, while another happily boasts, "I got the job!"

It's a constant bragging of news that I hate, but am addicted to, causing the one emotion that makes me sicker than any other.

From as early as five months of age, every human can experience envy.

Envy hasn't changed much since it hit the scene: it's "a feeling of discontent or covetousness with regard to another's advantages, success, possessions" according to the dictionary, and is one of the ten things God commanded us all not to do.

It negatively affects health, causing such problems as low self-esteem, depression, anxiety, as well as headaches, vision impairment and nausea.

How, though, in such a world where everyone has something that someone else wants, do we cope with and extinguish envy?

According to doctors and psychologists, the first step involves much self-awareness.

Realize that the envy is your problem and yours alone.

No, the person that got what you wanted probably didn't get what they got to make you upset, and no, there is nothing that you can do about it.

The second step is to literally count your blessings.

Constantly worrying about keeping up appearances and being a part of the latest trend will make anyone's head spin—there's no way to always be at the top of the social chain.

Look at all of the things you do have—family, friends, school, job, talents, etc. and be thankful for them!

Third, realize that your negative feelings could cause you to lose some of the things that you hold dear, such as your relationships.

Once envy sets in, talking about what you wanted that someone else now has seems to be the norm and brings others around you down, which will drive them away from you.

Fourth, learn to turn your negative feelings into positive ones.

He/she may have gotten what you wanted, but examining the behavior that it took for that person to get there and imitating it could get you what you want as well; let it fuel your drive and be inspired!

Lastly, remember that everything happens for a reason and if you don't have what you want right now, then it isn't yours to have FOR A REASON.

Chances are that there is something bigger and better out there waiting for you; you only need to slow down, take a deep breath and walk away from your envy to find it.

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## Facebook Stalking 101

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I think we can all agree Facebook has changed our lives over the past six years. People can share pictures and thoughts with each other on a daily basis.

People can become friends with a click of a button.

Checking Facebook has become so common people have it on their phones.

So, it is easy to say Facebook is a part of most people's everyday lives.

Having Facebook as such a big part of many people's life has led to a new trend; some would even say a way of life.

Facebook "stalking" has become this new trend.

You can Facebook stalk a friend and see what is going on in their life.

You can Facebook stalk a friend's ex to see what they are doing.

You can even Facebook stalk the cute boy in the second row of your science class to find out what to talk to him about.

Facebook stalking may seem strange to some people, but I personally think it can be very helpful.

If people did not want others to know what was going on in their lives, then they wouldn't put it on Facebook.

To many of my friends, I am a Facebook stalking pro, but I know not everyone may be as skilled in this art as I am.

So, here are a few Facebook stalking tips to get you started:

1. Check how many mutual friends you have in common to see if they would accept a friend request without actually knowing you.

This comes in handy because if you are friends not only will you have access to all pictures and information, you will also be updated through their statuses on your news-feed.

2. Look at personal information. This will give you the basic information about the person, so when you are looking for more detailed information, you can connect the pieces of the puzzle.

3. Go through all pictures available to you. You will get a good idea of who the person normally hangs out with, who they are dating and what they like to do.

4. When looking at pictures and statuses, make sure you look at all of the comments left.

You will be surprised at what kind of information you can find out from other people's comments.

5. See what organizations and games they are apart of.

This will give you an insight to what they enjoy doing in their free time.

For all of you potential Facebook stalkers out there, I have one more piece of advice: dedication.

To be a true Facebook stalker, you need to have dedication to your craft.

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## BS'in with the Bull: It's not always our fault

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



All the time we read things on our Yahoo feeds that read "Ways a guy screws things up," ok maybe not exactly like that but I'm not far off.

I don't like how men are always the ones to screw things up.

Now granted we do screw things up a lot, but not every time.

I decided to take this column and show you how women mess things up.

So, I present to you ten ways that a woman can blow a date with a guy.

10. Check your phone. You know everything you need to know about a person one hour into the first date.

Whether you acknowledge this information determines your happiness in the relationship.

I call this the One-Hour Rule.

If you check texts or voicemails in our presence, we will wonder what other horrors lay ahead.

9. Say you choose not to drink. If you are a recovering alcoholic, or the child of an alcoholic or do not drink for medical/religious reasons, we will understand.

Otherwise, telling us that you choose not to drink leads us to conclude:

1.) You used to be into some crazy stuff and aren't anymore.  
2.) You are no fun.

This is not a deal-breaker, but we will wonder about it.

8. Blow the silence test. At some point in time conversation will stop.

If you are cool with it, if you can hold eye contact and enjoy the moment, and smile, we will find you incredibly sexy.

It could even become "The Moment," that magical instance when a man decides, "This is the only woman who will yell at me for the rest of my life."

7. Refuse to bust balls. Play to win.

Don't play not to lose. If I order in Spanish at a French restaurant, call me out.

If I am from Michigan and you are from Ohio, note our football rivalry and mock me openly.

If you are not having fun on the first date, when does the fun start?

6. Brag about being "brutally honest."

First of all, brutal honesty is not a virtue.

It simply means you are too lazy to edit your thoughts in my company.

Secondly, pure brutal honesty does not exist except in Jim Carrey movies.

A person who is brutally honest all of the time would have no friends or job.

The irony? Anyone who claims to be a brutally honest person is telling a lie.

A "brutally honest" person is selectively honest like the rest of us – brutally honest with some but not with others.

5. Go on a hunger strike. Maybe I am crazy.

Maybe I am overweight and am looking for an enabler, but I like a girl with an appetite.

It shows she enjoys life.

It also shows she is not harboring an eating disorder that will explode our relationship in six months.

4. Ask too many questions.

When I was 19, I thought that being asked many questions was flattering.

She wants to know more about me, that's me sighing in italics.

But I now think being asked too many questions means you have nothing interesting to say.

3. Bring the drama. Do not go negative.

Leave the drama at home. You have the rest of our relationship to slowly erode the enjoyment of your company.

2. Wonder aloud when the waiter will bring the bill.

This happened to me. Next time just punch me in the balls. It would be less painful.

1. Deny the kiss.

If you had a bad time, by all means wrap things up and be on your way.

If you hit it off, do not leave us hanging because you do not kiss on the first date.

If you have a rule in your crazy brain about denying yourself joy, I will wonder what other horrors lay ahead.

All of these mannerisms, of course, can be overcome by the right woman.

Except No. 2. Never do that to someone.

It could quite possibly be the worst thing a female could do to a male, but maybe that's just me.

## Music has lost its soul

Z.K. McLendon  
Staff Columnist



"If music be the food of love, play on."

Crafted by that master words man, Shakespeare, this is easily one of the greatest lines to ever grace paper.

Shakespeare was truly a man of passion.

"Passion". Now that's an interesting word.

It takes passion to make anything great, especially music.

I believe in that philosophy with every inch of my being, and there was a time when the music industry believed in it too.

It didn't matter if you were photogenic or had a perfect voice.

All that mattered was the pas-

sion.

Bands such as The Ramones, The Sex Pistols, and The Velvet Underground were by no means pretty to look at, but they played their songs with such raw intensity that no one cared if they weren't "sexy".

And artist such as Janis Joplin, Bob Dylan, and Neil Young didn't have perfect voices, but they were so real and so honest that they made you feel ever word that they sung. But today everything is different.

Popular radio has become a wasteland of mediocrity and cookie-cutter wannabes.

As Hunter S. Thompson, the father of gonzo journalism, put it, "The music business is a cruel and shallow money trench, a long plastic hallway where thieves and pimps run free, and good men die like dogs."

That green-eyed monster known as greed currently has the music industry in its grip: So much so that they are willing to sacrifice quality for quantity.

They no longer look for bands

and artists with passion. Instead they find a person with a marketable face, mechanically alter their voice, and then produce and shrink-wrap this counterfeit talent for the masses.

And sure, these "artists" sound glamorous to the ear, but they have no heart, no substance.

They have no soul, which means that they have no lasting power.

They rise up just to fall and be forever forgotten.

But as my family motto says: Dum Spiro Spero.

While I breathe, I hope, and there is always hope, my friends.

Always.

Ever so often a band or artist comes along that sends glorious waves of change through the stagnant waters of the music industry.

I think that the world is ready once again for one of these bands or artists.

The world is ready for a new era of music: Music with passion.

But until that day comes, where is the "stop" button?

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-The Current Sauce staff

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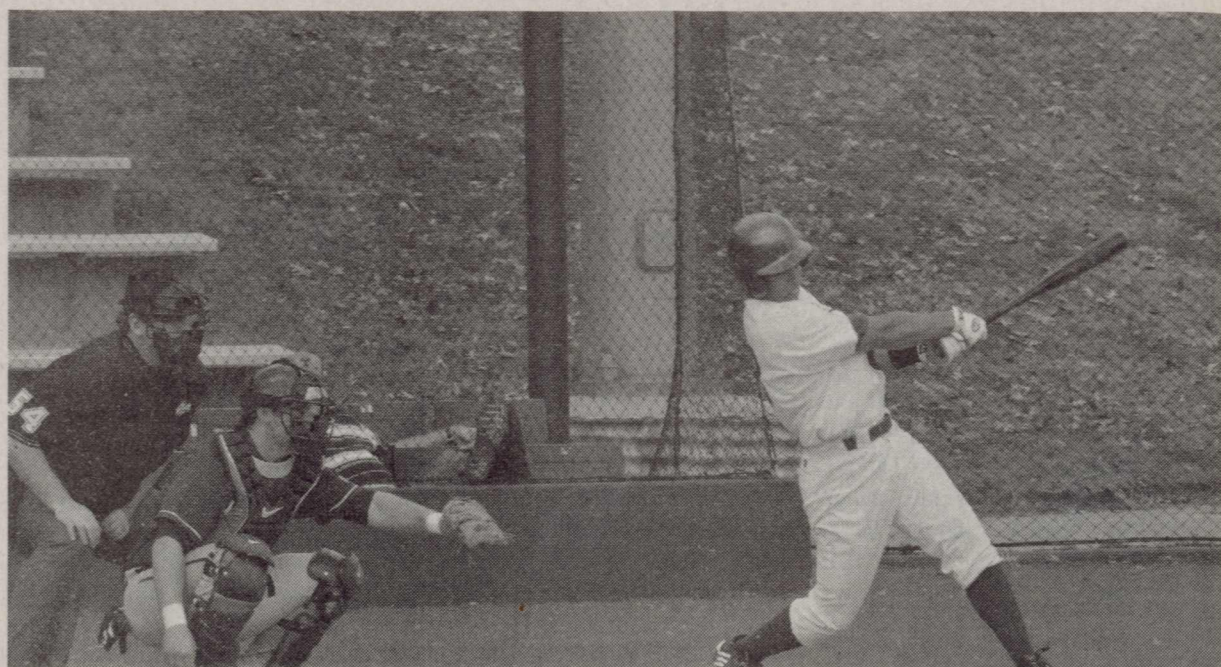


Photo by Ed Johnson

Raymond Frias makes good contact on the ball. The Demons beat BYU 4-1 thanks to three runs that were scored in the eighth inning

## NSU wins season-opening series

Courtesy of Sports Info:

A three-run eighth-inning snapped a 1-1 tie to lead to a 4-1 Northwestern State win over BYU in the nightcap of a doubleheader and helped erase a 19-1 loss the Demons were handed in the first game as NSU took the season-opening baseball series over the Mountain West team.

The split moved the Demons to 2-1 on the season as they'll travel to face Mississippi State and former Demon head coach John Cohen on Tuesday.

Demon first baseman Chris Hebert led off the inning with a hit up the middle and went to second after an Aaron Munoz sacrifice bunt. Jordan Buckley was then hit-by-a-pitch to move Hebert up a bag. Both moved into scoring position following a wild pitch and Hebert scored off a Drew Helenihi sac fly to centerfield to make it 2-1.

Buckley made it 3-1 when he scored on a second wild pitch. Ryan Westbrook, Stephen Gandy and Justin Martinez all reached after a walk, single, and walk respectively. Nick Hinojos singled in Westbrook to make it 4-1 before Ray Frias struck out to end the inning.

Brett Fredieu pitched a perfect ninth inning with a strikeout to notch his first save of the season. His outing followed eight stellar innings thrown by starter Colin Bear (1-0), who was on the mound for the first time since 2009, as he gave up one run on just six hits while striking out a career high nine batters to get the win.

"That was an absolute tremendous outing, and that's what we expect out of him," said NSU head coach J.P. Davis. "The guy just pounded the zone, threw three different pitches for strikes, and tightened his belt the few times he was in trouble."

NSU finished with four hits in the game to BYU's six knocks, including the lone hit by shortstop Law to put the Cougars up 1-0 in the fourth.

The Demons tied the game in the bottom of the seventh when Martinez reached by way of a walk, stole second, then moved around to score on back-to-back wild pitches.

Things didn't start out well on the day for the Demons as BYU broke open a 6-0 game with an 11-run eighth inning to lead the team to a 19-1 win.

"I'm really proud of the team and way they responded especially after what happened in the first game," Davis said. "It's a good way to close the series and obviously go into Mississippi State."

For the rest of the press release: check out [www.nsudemons.com](http://www.nsudemons.com)

## Cowboys out shoot Demons

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Northwestern State could not cap Diego Kapelan and McNeese State, sparked by his school-record tying shooting and 39-point eruption, pulled away down the stretch and dumped the Demons 78-62 in a battle for the lead in the Southland Conference East Division basketball standings.

The outcome raised the Cowboys to 16-9 overall, 8-4 in the SLC with four games left. The Demons slipped to 15-12 and 7-5. Pending the outcome of league-leading Texas State's visit to Stephen F. Austin, the win could move McNeese into a tie with Texas State for the overall conference lead, and despite the loss, Northwestern could be only a game off the league lead.

Kapelan hit 8 of his last 9 3-pointers while finishing 9 of 13 behind the arc, tying the McNeese mark for 3s in a game. Patrick Richard added 20 points and the rest of the Cowboys only had 19.

The Demons got 21 points by Devon Baker, 15 from Will Pratt and 13 by Louis Ellis. Hitting only 40 percent of its shots overall, NSU was under 50 percent from the free throw line until the outcome was settled with a late McNeese surge, and finished at 56 percent (18-32). Twelve second-half turnovers, 20 for the game, contributed to the Demons' demise.

A 13-1 run over 2:28 down the stretch pushed McNeese ahead 75-55 with 1:55 to go. Kapelan's last 3-pointer, a contested 30-footer, came at the 2:12 mark.

The Cowboys shot 46 percent overall, 48 percent on 3s (other than Kapelan, the rest of the team made 1 of 8) and drained 20 of 27 free



Photo by Ed Johnson/ The Current Sauce

The 78-62 loss to McNeese give the Demons its second straight loss. However, NSU remains one game out of first place.

throws (74 percent), including 8 of 9 by Kapelan, who was 11 for 17 from the field.

McNeese, playing for the fourth time in seven days and coming off a road loss at San Antonio, had 13 turnovers and a final 33-32 rebounding edge, although that margin was larger most of the game.

"Just a great performance by McNeese and an incredible shooting exhibition by Diego Kapelan," said Demons' head coach Mike McConathy. "Not a very good show-

ing by our team. We turned the ball over carelessly far too much, we did not do nearly well enough at the free throw line, we were not good defending, we didn't get crucial rebounds, we didn't get good enough shots. McNeese had a lot to do with some of our shortcomings but we didn't help ourselves.

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## Shocked by Shockey's dismissal

Taylor Graves  
Staff Reporter



If anyone has looked at their Facebook newsfeed in the past 12 hours, they will see a lot of statuses about the New Orleans

Saints and Jeremy Shockey.

Sports fans will have seen the constant stream of news articles announcing how the Saints have released Shockey from his contract to bring in a new, younger tight end.

As a dedicated Saints fan, I was very upset to hear how the Saints released Shockey from his contract.

Of course I have all the Saints gear (shirts, earrings, necklaces, car stuff, etc), but everything I have that specifies a player is for Jeremy Shockey.

Before I even knew what was going on, I had friends and family send me text messages to let me know how sorry they were for me because Shockey was released.

Since I found out the news, I have been steadily watching the news updates on this issue.

Shockey earned my love because of the way he blocked during all of the plays was amazing. He made sure no one was getting to his quarterback.

I also love watching him catch a pass and score a touchdown.

Not only is watching him play exciting, but it is obvious the fans love Shockey. Anytime he made a touchdown or did well in a play, the fans made sure he knew how happy they were.

Even now, it is apparent how much the fans like Shockey. Tons of Facebook and Twitter statuses are showing how upset people are that Shockey is released.

Comments are raging from "why did the New Orleans Saints release Jeremy Shockey?" to "I can't believe Shockey is gone! Saints you suck!" His Facebook Fan Page is booming with comments, concerns and apologies of what happened.

I do not understand why the Saints would want to let Shockey go after only three seasons.

He helped make the Saints Super Bowl winners. He's played his heart out in every game. He deserves to be on the team!

It just does not make sense to me why replacing a great tight end who fans love with a younger version is okay. If the Saints feel like they would need someone new in the long run, they could have at least kept Shockey on the team for support.

The one thing that makes this okay with me is Shockey's attitude in the situation. He immediately let his fans know everything was okay via his Facebook Fan Page and Twitter account.

"I will always remember my time in New Orleans," Shockey said. "What a city! You all welcomed me like one of your own, and we had a great run. Onto the next chapter, the Deep Unknown."

Although I will miss cheering on Shockey every Sunday during football season, I will still be there for my Saints (in my Shockey jersey) and see how this new tight end compares to the player who stole so many fans' hearts.

## Dynomite: What just happened?

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor



The summer of 2010 burned vivid images in the heads of NBA fans. The entire country stood still as NBA su-

perstar LeBron James told the world he was taking his talents to Miami.

Some people loved LeBron because of it and some hated him, but his actions opened the eyes of every other superstar including Carmelo Anthony.

This was the worst thing that could ever happen to the NBA.

I was upset at LeBron for leaving, but I was more worried that this would permanently taint the NBA. Superstar after superstar would opt out and leave their team instead of

fight through tough times.

Now that the smoke has cleared with LeBron's decision, Carmelo quickly stirred up smoke of his own.

The NBA was filled with months of "melodrama" between the Denver Nuggets and Carmelo.

All the trade rumors that piled up as he was marketed to other teams while playing for the Nuggets has come to an end.

Carmelo recently got the deal he wanted as he was traded to the New York Knicks in a 13-man trade that included three teams.

The Nuggets also lost Chauncey Billups, Sheldon Williams, Anthony Carter and Renaldo Balkman in the trade. Those players will be in New York playing along side of Amare Stoudamire with Carmelo.

The Knicks gave up Wilson Chandler, Raymond Felton, Danilo Gallinari, Timofey Mozgov and a 2014 first-round pick to the Nuggets.

They also gave up Anthony Randolph and Eddy Curry to Minnesota for Corey Brewer.

I am still trying to wrap my head around this. I honestly think the Knicks gave up too much for Carmelo.

Now before I say something that contradicts all my knowledge of the NBA, I think Carmelo is an amazing player. Actually, I think one of the best offensive players in the NBA. There is not a single player that can guard him one-on-one. Carmelo and Stoudamire will make a great combination for the Knicks.

With that being said, he is not worth all those players. Carmelo has a big downside to his game. He does not give it his all every single game.

Carmelo will be the first to give up if things do not go his way. That is something a team-like the Knicks—who gave up an arm and a leg need for the franchise.

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## Students win wedding competition, all expenses paid

Taylor Graves  
Staff Reporter

Current students Amy Mathew and Ryan Humphrey won the Tie the Knot contest on KTBS News for an all-expense paid wedding.

"We were completely shocked," Mathew, senior exercise science major, said. "Ryan squeezed me so hard [when we found out] that I thought he was going to break me."

The couple met at NSU during a music class for the band.

"She was actually the first person to make a move," Humphrey, senior industrial engineering technical major, said.

They dated for two and a half years when Humphrey took things in his own hands on New Year's Eve when he proposed.

"I asked what her New Year's resolutions were, and after she answered I told her mine was to make her my wife," Humphrey said.

He then showed her the ring: her grandmother's wedding ring he paid to have refurbished.

Mathew didn't waste a moment

to respond with yes.

"I fill like God put him in my life for a reason, because he fills everything in my life," Mathew said.

Mathew and Humphrey saw the information about the Tie the Knot contest on the news, and after much encouragement from friends, they decided to enter.

The couple had to fill out an application, which a panel of judges examined with the other contenders. The judges chose three winners and viewers were allowed to vote from those three.

"A camera crew came to campus and filmed us," Humphrey said. "We basically had to sit in front of the camera and tell our story and explain things that were important to us."

Then it was time for KTBS viewers to vote on their favorite couple. Mathew and Humphrey worked tirelessly to generate votes for them.

"We put ads on racing sites, at church, on Facebook, sent out mass emails to friends and family and even printed fliers and handed them out," Mathew said.

They were not too nervous leading up to the announcement of the

winner.

"I told everyone I had a good feeling and if God wanted us to have the opportunity, then it would happen," Humphrey said.

Now voters are the decision makers in every aspect of their wedding. They are allowed to pick three options for the viewers to vote on, but they have no control over the option chosen.

"Although we get to pick our three favorites, there's always the top favorite," Humphrey said. "For example Amy is really worried she won't get the dress she wants."

"I'm telling everyone I can to vote for option one, because that was my favorite," Mathew said.

Each week viewers vote on three parts of the wedding after seeing the footage of the couple picking their top choices. Mathew and Humphrey learn the viewers choices every Monday when it is aired on KTBS news.

The wedding is set for May 21 at the El Dorado Casino ballroom with Humphrey's pastor officiating over the ceremony and six attendants in the bridal party.



Photo by Mollie Corbett

NSU students, Amy Mathew and Ryan Humphrey, pose after winning the KTBS Tie the Knot contest. As part of their prize, the couple's wedding and honeymoon are completely paid for.

## SGA receives first presidential candidate for election

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

At Monday night's meeting, Tara Luck and Jake Funderburk announced their intent to run for Student Government Association president and vice president, respectively.

Currently, Luck and Funderburk are the only presidential party to officially announce their candidacy.

Luck, who is completing her term as SGA vice president, said she did not plan to run for president for the majority of the year, and just recently made the decision to run.

Luck said she decided to run last month after she attended a session of Louisiana's Council of Student Body Presidents.

"For most of the year I didn't want to run, but after looking at what all is going on across the state, I feel I need to run and try to do something," she said. "I have an understanding of what is going on in the state with the budget cuts, and I know I can do a good job."

Luck explained that she does not want to make major changes to what Mark Daniels, current president, has done.

"I want to add on to what Mark has done," she said.

Luck and Funderburk plan to bring SGA "back to the basics," Luck said.

"We want to get back to what SGA is supposed to be, which is representing the students," she said. "Sometimes we have more announcements in the [meeting's] agenda, instead of actual bills to be voted on, and that bothers me."

Other major issues on their political platform include ensuring the NSU's student media will continue to receive the support it needs to function and giving students at the university's satellite campus the proper representation they deserve.

Luck visited the satellite campuses earlier this academic year with Daniels and said she was not pleased with the level of representation they

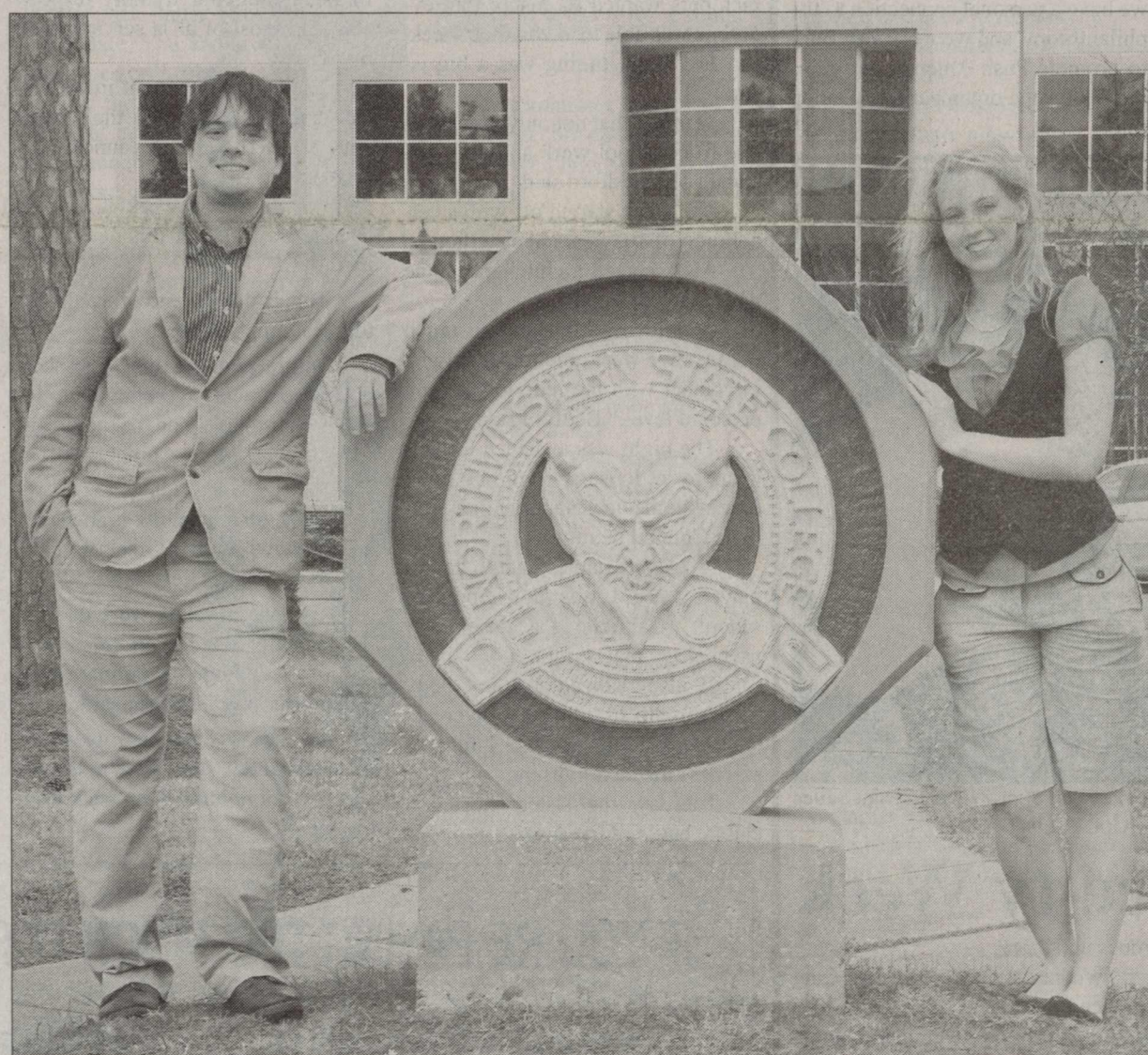


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Tara Luck (right) and Jake Funderburk (left) announced Monday that they will be running for SGA president and vice president, respectfully. Both, Luck and Funderburk have been involved with SGA since 2009.

are receiving.

"Needless to say, [satellite students] are being neglected," she said.

Luck, a junior liberal arts major in the Louisiana Scholars' College, has served the SGA since 2009. In addition to vice president, she has also held the position of speaker of the Senate for SGA.

Luck has also been involved with NSU's KNWD radio station, Purple Jackets and Lambda Association.

Her running mate, Funderburk, is a junior political science major. Funderburk has also been in SGA since 2009, where he served in the

Organizational Grant Committee, WRAC Oversight Committee, Club Sports Committee and Fiscal Affairs.

"I think [Funderburk] is very encouraging, fair and knows how to keep his cool, which are important qualities for a vice president," Luck said. "He's in many diverse organizations, which brings a lot to the table in terms of experience and leadership."

Luck said she hopes at least one presidential party will sign up to run against her and Funderburk within the next couple of weeks.

Filings for Senate and cabinet

positions close March 18.

The last time a presidential party ran unopposed was in 2008 with Cody Bourque.

### Other SGA news:

The Senate voted to make changes to the bylaws of the Organizational Relief Fund.

The purpose of the changes was to ensure that the ORF Committee is being good stewards of the funds.

Currently, there is about \$4,000 left for the ORF Committee to provide for organizations for the rest of the semester.



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce

The NSU Physical Plant is extending the road behind the Phi Mu house to connect it to Tarlton Drive. The project is being conducted by T&L Construction out of Alexandria, who provided the lowest bid. The road extension is in preparation of the building of the new Sigma Sigma house two lots down from the Phi Mu house. Director of the Physical Plant Chuck Bourg said most of the project has consisted of replacing the draining system in the area. Construction on the road began Jan. 6 and will be finished by April 6.

## Financial Aid Office reminds students of FAFSA deadlines

Press release from  
NSU Financial Aid Office:

FAFSA. Remember: the Financial Aid Priority Deadline at NSU is May 1, 2011.

Helpful Financial Aid Hints:

-File your FAFSA and NSU Financial Aid forms before May 1.

-Be sure that you list NSU on the FAFSA. NSU's federal school code is 002021.

-Be sure your name and student ID number (or social security number) are on every document submitted to Financial Aid on your behalf.

-Be sure that NSU has your current address, phone number, and e-mail address information.

-Respond to requests for information promptly.

Whether you currently have financial aid or are wondering if you would even qualify, NSU Financial Aid staff members are here to help provide answers to your questions.

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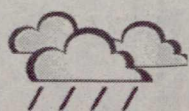
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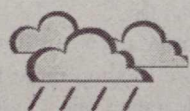
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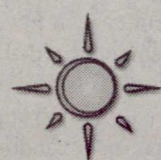
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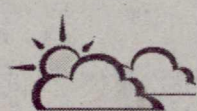
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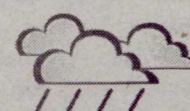
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Pictured above is the flyer for Miss Push America Pageant with the information about the event and pictures from last year's pageant.

## Pushing for disabilities

Taylor Graves  
Sauce Reporter

The Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity is hosting the Miss Push America Pageant for the second year in a row to raise money for their philanthropy on Thursday, March 3.

"Our chapter started the Miss Push America pageant to raise mon-

ey and awareness of people with disabilities on the Northwestern campus," Kyle Duhon, senior nursing major, said.

The pageant was created as a way to raise money and provide a spokesperson in the NSU community for Push America.

Last year they raised \$2,000 for the organization through the pag-

eant.

This year 17 girls will compete for the title in the personal interview, fitness wear, evening gown and talent categories.

The talent competition is optional for the contestants and is awarded separately from the crown.

Whitney Mixon, senior psychology major, was recruited to help coordinate the pageant.

"I have been so blessed to be a part of the Miss Push America Pageant as the director and coordinator for the last two years," she said. "The brothers of Phi Kappa Phi and I are so proud to host the first Push Pageant in the state."

Her years of pageantry have provided her with the knowledge and expertise for pageants. With this knowledge, she gives the contests advice to just do their best.

"[They] just need to be themselves in the interview," Mixon said. "The judges are looking for a real, genuine relatable girl next door, not a pageant patty."

To prepare for the pageant, Mixon and Pi Kappa Phi brothers recruited girls, found judges, handled paperwork, organized the opening number and more.

Other events Pi Kappa Phi is involved in for Push America include Gear Up Florida and Journey of Hope, bike rides throughout the country. Members from Beta Omicron have participated in both bike rides in past summers.

Push America is close to the hearts of Pi Kappa Phi members, because the organization was created by their own fraternity in the late 70's.

"The advantage to Pi Kappa Phi having our own philanthropy is that we have a personal connection to the philanthropy, and we work very hard to promote Push America and raise money for the organization," Duhon said.

## AKA sees early success

Jeff Sholar  
Sauce Reporter

After being away for six years the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. invited students "Back to the Ivy" to experience what their sorority is all about.

AKA was founded in 1908 and earned its name as the oldest Greek-letter organization created by African-American women.

The organization has ten regions located around the United States according to the sorority Web site.

To celebrate the reinstatement of their chapter, AKA members came together with their first week-long event.

"We as a sorority came up with the week based on our surroundings at Northwestern State University by paying attention to the things we thought might need to be implanted and also addressed," Taylor Bedford, junior biology major, said.

The week focused on issues such as sex awareness, physical appearance and African-American history.

The theme "Back to the Ivy" was chosen to let not only the students but sorority members know that they were back for good Bedford said.

The planning for this week started as early as December. AKA members wanted to ensure that everyone was able to attend their week. For them, timing was a big issue.

"Timing that not only was sacrifice from school work and also personal life," Bedford said.

The week started off with a celebration of 103 years of sisterhood. AKA hosted a childhood game night for NSU students.

"I enjoyed this event so much because we were able to actually be in contact with the individuals on a personal level," Bedford said.

The night was a chance for students to let loose and enjoy a good time with the new National Pan-Hellenic Council member.

"I played games that I hadn't played since I was in elementary school," Gabrielle LaCabe, junior psychology major, said.

"I also realized that my body wasn't use to chasing after anyone in duck-duck-goose because I felt the soreness the next morning."

Tuesday, the sisters hosted a classic battle of the sexes.

Wednesday the sorority joined others in an African-American historical event.

"[We addressed] the history of African-American culture by the March of Washington," Bedford said. "[We] reenacted the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 'I Have A Dream' speech."

Thursday night, students were invited to judge others in a "Do and Don'ts" fashion show.

Other NPHC members modeled tasteful and tacky cloths while waiting for the audience's final verdict.

"My favorite part of the fashion show was at the end when all of the contestants went up and we judged them for the final time," Diorre Johnson, sophomore nursing major, said. "That part was the funniest."

Regardless of their recent arrival on campus, AKA's first official week was well accepted at NSU.

"It most definitely made my heart smile to receive all of this love and support from the student body," Bedford said.

This week was also a chance for students to see that the typical stereotype of AKA was certainly untrue.

"It made me proud to know that my sorority displayed that attitude and personality of not just being stereotyped as nothing by pretty girls," Bedford said. "But being recognized for being outgoing, friendly, respectable and most of all a service to all mankind."

To keep this thought in the sister's mind AKA ended their week with a sisterhood and canned food drive event.

"But after this week it will be back to business for this new sorority."

This is not the end of events for this blooming chapter.

Future plans include a basketball tournament, working with local high schools and acknowledging various famous women Bedford said.

They also plan to branch out and work with other Greek fraternities and sororities here at NSU.

"We are currently working with the ladies of Phi Mu in collaborating ideas for some upcoming events around campus," LaCabe said.

Just because this sorority decided to take a few steps back to the basics it is not holding them back from the future.

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Pictured above are Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity men pampering young women at Alpha Love Night.

## Alpha Phi Alpha: Dyn-Ice-ty Week

Taylor Graves  
Sauce Reporter

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is hosting Alpha Week until March 5 for all students to enjoy.

"Alpha Week was always meant to showcase the fraternity to the campus and give back for all their support," Stephen Llorens, senior graphic design major, said.

The week kicked off with church worship with the Alphas at Living Word Ministries on Hwy 494

in Natchitoches. Students were able to attend church with the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity to praise God.

A Block Party was held Monday in front of Iberville Cafeteria where the Prophets battled the Neophytes in a step show.

Yesterday the Alphas honored the women of campus with Yellow Rose Day and Alpha Love Night where they gave yellow roses, back massages and food to women in the Student Union.

Students can enjoy Game Night, Wednesday in the Union where they can play Call of Duty, Spades, Dom-

inoes and more.

Wednesday they are bringing service to the local community. The fraternity will go to a nursing home, host a clean up on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and adopt a classroom at Natchitoches Central High School.

The Week will end with the All White Extravaganza: All White Party on Thursday night at the Ben Johnson Auditorium.

Along with the music and dancing, there will be a Neophytes vs. Prophets rematch step show for entertainment.

## The Look Book: Favorite online stores

Tiffany Hall  
Practicum Student

Hello to everyone! Last week I shared with you all a few tips to online shopping.

This week, I will be sharing some of my favorite Web sites that I buy from frequently.

Site number one, Lulus.com. I found this Web site on accident because I wanted to find a different type of Web site other than the 'norm' and when I clicked on the link, I fell in love.

Make sure that you know your measurements for this site. Generally, Lulu's is actually a tad bit too small for me, so if you're of a smaller or petite frame, this site is for you.

I failed to take my own advice for online shopping and ended up buying two dresses. One I couldn't fit at all, and the other one I had to make work, but it's so short, so it's a "going out" dress. Don't judge me.

Lulu's in my opinion has a fresh modern girly vibe that I personally love. Also their accessories are really cute.

Site number two, everyone's favorite, Forever21.com. I have about 5 things sitting in my "shopping cart" as I type this column. It never fails I always find something that I feel like I need to have.

Unfortunately (for some) the nearest Forever21 is in Alexandria, so it would be easier to buy from the site if you don't want to drive.

Once again, know your measurements.

I only tend to buy accessories from this site because when I try on some of their items, they tend to not fit as well as it does on the model. I am NOWHERE near a model's size, and don't plan on being one, but sometimes the model is a guide as to how it should fit.

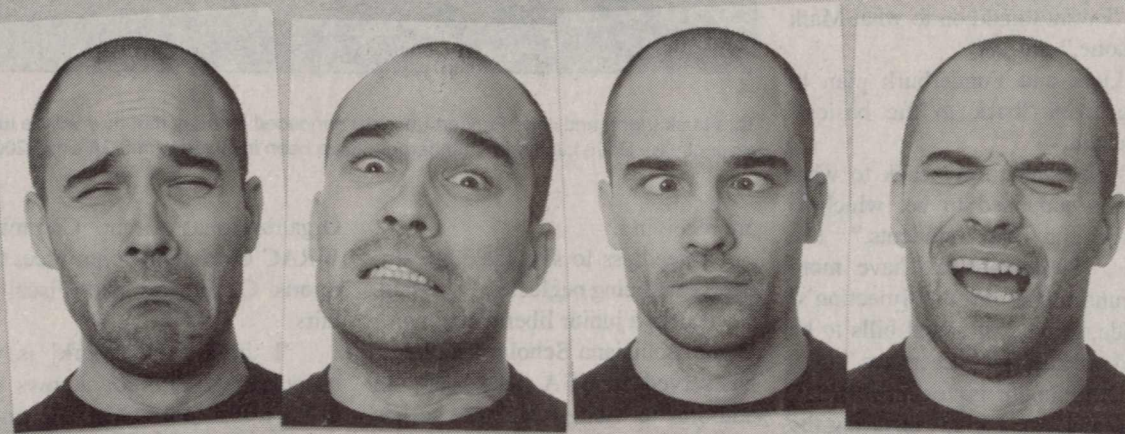
Now obviously I'm not a guy, but I can tell you one of my favorite brands for a guy to wear is Express.

Once again, the nearest store is in Alexandria.

I know for when I go in the actual store to shop there is always a good clearance sale.

Everyone have a great Mardi Gras break!

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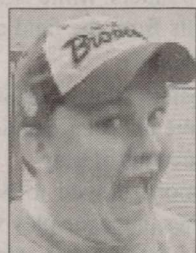
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# BS'in with the Bull

Andy Bullard  
Opinion Editor



I think will be useful to others that read this.

I am doing this because I feel I haven't contributed enough to everyone and my time here at this school is starting to dwindle.

I mean there is not that much time between what is now the first of March and the beginning of May.

So I hope that this reaches someone and will help them out in some small way.

So with that said, here we go.

With dating shows being broadcast 'round the clock, a multitude of books written on the topic and thousands of years of human experience to draw upon

You would think men and women would have reached a consensus by now on what constitutes a date.

But that simply isn't the case.

Take my friend Brian, whose story is becoming typical.

Brian lives in Chicago and recently asked a woman out to see a musical -- "Wicked."

This is monumental.

Huge.

A musical on the first date.

Brian deserves some kind of award for this. He gets the "Medal of Honor Award for Creative Courting That Makes All Other Guys Look Lame."

He has raised the bar for us all.

He and his date had a lovely time.

The only problem was, Brian's date didn't know she was his date.

One week later he received a check in the mail for \$56 -- the cost of her ticket.

Since then, he has been stuck in platonic limbo.

She pretends the date never happened.

Something needs to be done. Brian is not alone.

I've heard too many stories from men and women who went on what they thought were dates that turned out to be:

1) an expensive night "hanging

out"

2) a free meal.

Okay, I don't have a friend Brian and I did just made that up, but you see where I am going with this.

It happens all the time.

So, the first step we must take is to create guidelines as to what makes a date a date.

The rules, as I see them, are thus:

If you are both single, not platonic friends and eat a restaurant-quality meal together -- you're on a date.

If you see a movie together after 9 p.m. -- you're on a date.

If you bump into her while out with friends and meet later for a meal, it is in fact a date -- even though your actions were not premeditated.

If he picks you up in his car -- it's a date.

If the car has been washed and waxed in the last 24 hours -- it's most certainly a date.

If either of you purchase new clothing beforehand -- it's a date.

If she shaves her legs -- no doubt -- it's a date.

If you turn on your cell phone -- you're on a date.

If you leave your car on and are not a doctor, it's a date.

"24's" Jack Bauer, it's a date. You are just on a date. You are just

other person's time.

If the movie you're

features either: Jack Bauer, Witherspoon or Halle Berry

on a date.

If the restaurant you're

has a photo of Brad Pitt or

hands with the date -- you're on a date.

If the man brings flowers -- date.

If he maintains eye contact with you even though the Victoria

supermodels are walking

tain behind you -- it's a date.

If he walks you to your car -- it's a more than likely a date.

or he has to pee -- it's a date.

If there is kissing -- definitely a date.

If he calls you a slut or

you were on a date.

If you ask him for his address

you can send him a check, you

to think about why you agreed to

out in the first place.

A man doesn't take a woman to a musical

dreaming of the day she

will give him sweet, fulfilling, soul-

satisfying financial reimbursement.

Come by our office, 227 Kyser and apply to become a staff writer for The Current Sauce. Meetings start at 6 p.m. every Monday. We hope to hear from you.

-The Current Sauce staff

# Technology rehab

Z.K. McLendon  
Staff Columnist



Just me left to my own mental devices.

Normally, I would have gone to a friend's house to ride it out, but a savage head cold prevented me from seeking any human contact.

So I waited, and after succumbing to boredom's fantastic wave, I decided to get some work done.

I read a book for my class that I absolutely loved.

I practiced my mandolin, which is something I haven't done in months.

Then I learned how to make my own egg rolls.

It turned out to be a pretty productive day, and it got me thinking about the way that I view technology.

I think that technology has stifled my personal growth as human beings.

We try to make better versions of technology all the time, but we no longer try to make better versions of ourselves.

Now, I'm not saying that technology is a terrible thing. Far from it.

Technology has certainly made

our world a better place.

But the constant abuse of technology for physical and mental stimulation is a problem.

As Albert Einstein once said, "It has become appallingly obvious that our technology had exceeded our humanity."

But there is always a way to fix the problem.

When you feel the itch to play a video game, or surf the web, or watch television, decide if it's really worth it.

The time that you spend on a technological escape is time wasted for making yourself a better person.

Read that book you've been putting off, or learn how to play the guitar that has been sitting in your room, or learn how to cook a delicious meal for your family.

Or simply take a walk and think about how awesome life is, and how lucky you are to even exist.

Do something that will make you proud to wear your own skin.

The world is full of amazing things, and they are all waiting just for you.

And don't feel like I think I'm better than you for writing this.

I'm not in any way, shape or form. No one is immune to the narcotic effects of technology.

My name is Zach McLendon, and I am a X-box junkie and a Facebook fiend.

But I'm trying to wean myself off of them.

I'm trying.

And I hope that you'll do the same.

# The lost art of responding

Jeffery Sholar  
Sauce Columnist



But sometimes there can be a lapse in that conversation and thanks to new technology we have lost the old routine.

I know this to be a fact because I have been a victim.

Conversations are a two-way street if one person decides to quit halfway through a collision can happen.

I am in the process of applying for graduate school.

To do this I have emailed many program "representatives" in regards to their program.

Usually I heard in a timely fashion from them but there is one that has yet to respond to me, the University of South Carolina.

I don't want to hear anything about how they might be busy I know that and have given them ample time to respond to me.

Really?

It is about time that you respond to me it has been four weeks since I first sent you the first email and only two days when I broke down and sent you another one.

It's your turn South Carolina. I have lost respect for people that do not respond to email messages.

This even applies to Facebook and text messaging.

Just because you aren't talking face to face doesn't mean you can stiff out of the conversation.

I guess the moral of the lesson is people just need to respond.

When someone asks you question, respond!

It doesn't take long at all to respond to simple message.

If you need help in that department look at these four easy tips:

Respond to the email message within a week, after a week the conversation gets old (I'm talking to you South Carolina).

If you are texting/chatting and have to step away let me know. That way I don't look stupid sitting and waiting for you.

Don't tease me with short responses or replying to only one statement if it is a long message.

Either answer it all or just don't respond.

Seriously ripping off a band-aid is less painful.

If you are busy or just can't talk right now then let me know in the first response not later on in the conversation.

So the next time you're in a conversation help out that pendulum.

Let's go back and forth together, so jump on that bandwagon South Carolina!

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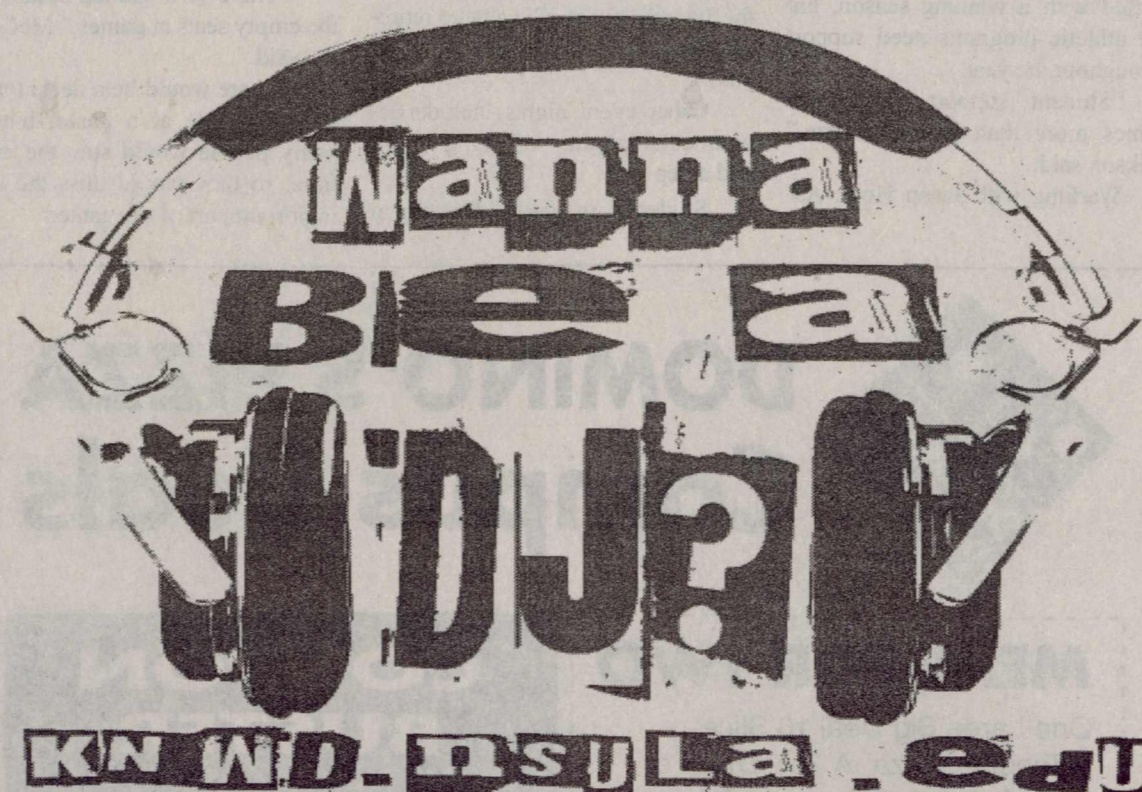
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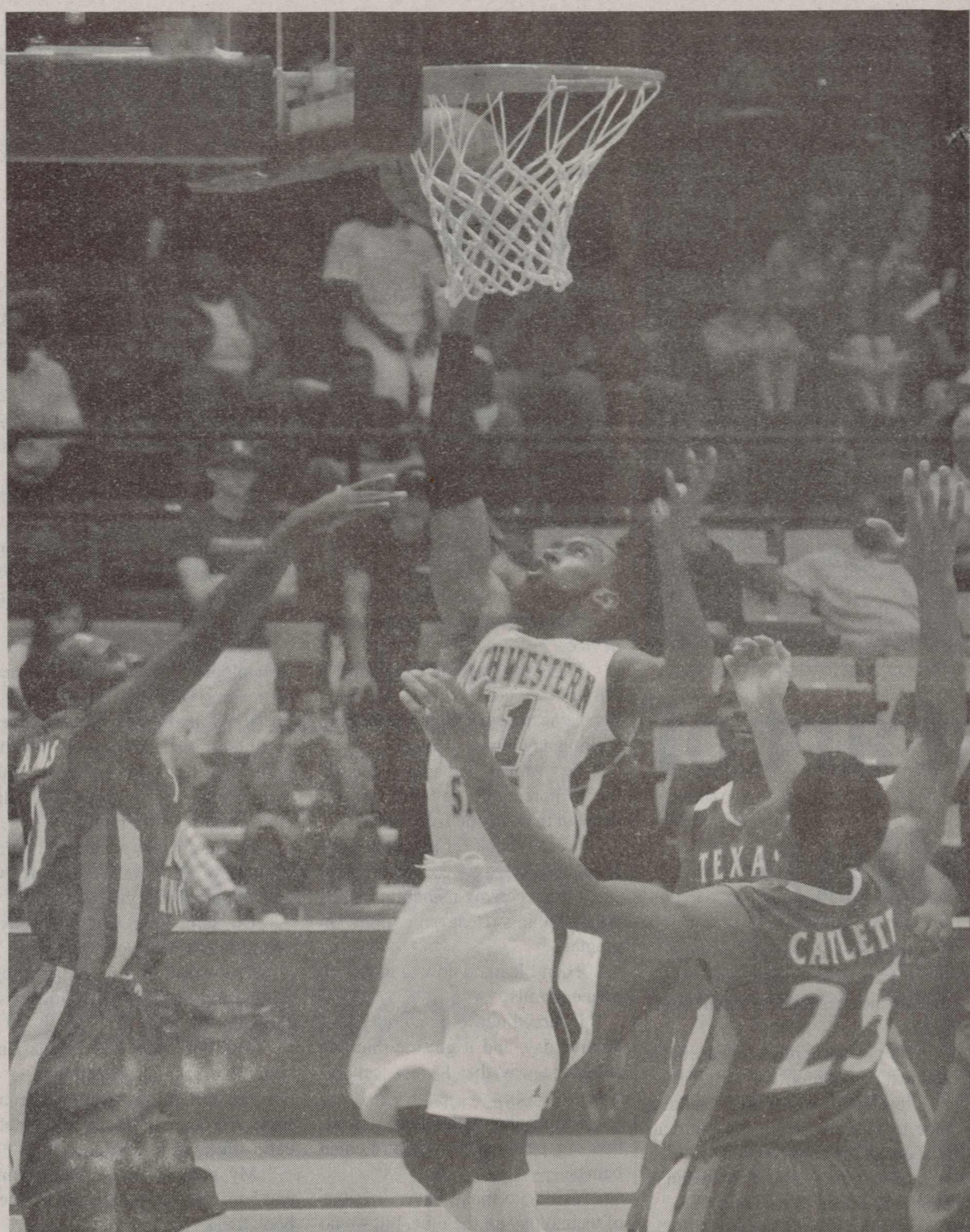


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Senior Demon guard Devon Baker scores a layup after weaving through UTA defenders. The Demons beat UTA 78-71 in an exciting comeback win.

## NSU stays strong to pull off comeback

### Courtesy of Sports Info:

Northwestern State rallied from 12 points down in the final 3:08, forced overtime and never trailed afterward Saturday, getting 20 points from Devon Baker including 5 in the final minute of regulation to tie the game on the way to a 78-71, Southland Conference basketball triumph over Texas-Arlington.

The improbable comeback win vaulted the Demons to 17-12 overall, 9-5 in the Southland, one game off the pace by co-leaders McNeese and Texas State.

The Mavericks dipped to 13-14 and 7-7. There are two games next week left in the conference season for all teams.

The win, coupled with other outcomes Saturday in the Southland, clinched a spot in the 2011 State Farm Southland Conference Tournament for NSU.

The Demons used a fierce full-court press to disrupt the Mavericks down the stretch, coming back from a 63-51 deficit with 3:09 to go.

UTA missed its last 5 shots from the floor and committed a trio of turnovers, steals by Baker, Will Pratt and William Mosley, as Northwestern rallied.

NSU sank 4 of 6 shots from the floor and all 6 of its free throws on a 14-2 run closing regulation.

The run extended through overtime and grew to 27-8 by game's end.

The Demons, who shot only 33 percent in the game, trailed by double digits beginning six minutes before halftime and fell behind by as much as 15 points early after halftime.

NSU got 14 points by Pratt and

11 from Shamir Davis while Mosley contributed a game-high 15 rebounds to go with 8 blocked shots and 7 points.

Dominic Knight added a career-best 10 rebounds, 8 points, 3 assists and 2 steals, while Louis Ellis had 9 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals.

UTA was led by 19 points and 13 rebounds from Jordan Reeves, 16 points and 8 rebounds by Darius Richardson, and 12 points and 11 rebounds from Bo Ingram.

The Mavericks sank only 35.5 percent of their shots and were outscored by 16 at the free throw line, including 14 NSU made free throws in the last 3:41 and overtime.

"The passion and intensity that we played with late in the game was remarkable and it made something special happen," said 12th-year head coach Mike McConathy.

"It was almost a mirror of our game last year at UTA, when we led nearly the whole way and they got us at the end. We don't always do a lot of things right or well, but we will compete late in games very, very well. Our defense was awesome when it had to be."

Baker hit a 3-pointer with 49 seconds left to draw the Demons within 65-62.

Mosley made a backcourt steal off the inbounds pass and Baker sank two free throws three seconds later to tie it 65-all with 46 seconds left.

The Mavs' Ingram missed an off-balance, contested mid-range jumper with 12 seconds left, but after a scramble for the ball, Baker had a foot on the baseline when he controlled it.

UTA inbounced with 8.8 to go and was only able to get a long, off-

balance 3-pointer by Richardson that was off the mark before the buzzer.

Pratt hit a driving layup 11 seconds into overtime, Mosley blocked a mid-range jumper and Davis drained two free throws 26 seconds later.

A 3-pointer by Baker with 2:22 remaining boosted NSU ahead 74-69, and UTA couldn't respond. The Mavs sank only 2 of 9 in OT, including 1-6 on 3-pointers, while NSU hit 3 of its 5 shots from the field and 6 of 8 free throws.

Northwestern's last four Southland wins have all been decided in the final 30 seconds of play.

The Demons moved to 3-0 in overtime games in league play while winning for the second straight game and for the fifth time in the last seven.

Mosley, NSU's 6-7 junior center, passed 6-11 Edmond Lawrence of McNeese State (1973-76) and moved into second in Southland

Conference history in career blocks. He now has 319.

He also moved into second in Southland history in single-season blocks, passing Wojciech Myrda (144, 1999-2000, Louisiana-Monroe) and raising his season total to 145.

Mosley was tied with Lawrence (McNeese State, 1973-76) at 311 entering the game.

The 7-0 Myrda, second all-time in NCAA history, had 535 from 1999-2002.

Mosley leads the nation with a 4.9 average.

Northwestern goes to Nicholls Wednesday night for a 6:30 game, then wraps up the regular season at home next Saturday at 2 against Stephen F. Austin on Demon Basketball Reunion Day in Prather Coliseum.

## Students work to improve spirit at sporting events

Kelli Otto  
Sauce Reporter  
Taylor Graves  
Sauce Reporter

Vanner Erikson and Logan McConathy have started a campaign to bring more students to NSU games.

"We realized there was a lack of attendance at sporting events, and we wanted to boost the attendance, but not only get students there but keep them at the event," Erikson, senior journalism major, said.

They recognize a large portion of students attending games is connected with a winning season, but the athletic programs need support throughout the year.

"Student support helps win games more than people realize," Erikson said.

Working with Jason Horn, As-

sistant Athletics Director, Erikson and McConathy are planning events and activities to draw students to sporting events.

These new events and activities are targeted toward campus organizations to bring in large crowds at one time.

"One way is to have the fraternity and sororities bring their letters out to a baseball game and put them on the hill," McConathy said.

The first event night will be a Greek night where fraternity and sororities will display their letters on the hill and wear Greek shirts and colors.

This will not only show support for the team but also be able to represent the Greek community on campus.

Other event nights include departmental night, tailgating night and a pep rally.

Students in each department

will be encouraged to go to a certain game and sit with their fellow department students.

Erikson and McConathy will team up with the Student Alumni Association to host a tailgating event before a softball game.

Before the Joe Delaney Bowl, spring football scrimmage, they will coordinate with Order of Omega to provide a pep rally for students to get excited for the game.

All of these events are designed to create a tradition and atmosphere to solve the problem of students not staying the entire time at sporting events.

"There is a glaring issue with the empty seats at games," McConathy said.

"There would be a decent number of people at a game, but not many people would stay the entire time, so they would miss the most important part of the game."

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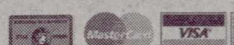
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## Thomas announces candidacy for SGA president, expresses strong opinions toward opposition

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

Tara Luck and Jake Funderburk received competition for the 2011-2012 Student Government Association president and vice president positions Monday night.

Tiffany Thomas and Candace Ford officially announced that they will be running for president and vice president, respectively, at this week's SGA meeting.

Thomas is a junior journalism student and currently serves the SGA as commissioner of the Student Affairs committee. She has been involved with the organization since her freshman year and has served on the ORF and ORG committees.

Thomas said she has had aspirations to be president since coming to NSU.

"I always knew I wanted to run for the office of president," she said. "The president is the best resource the students have and I want to be available for them."

Thomas explained that she is not happy with the direction Mark Daniels, current SGA president, took the Senate during his term, and said she wishes to make changes.

"I don't feel like [the SGA] is running at its full capacity," Thomas said. "Mark [Daniels] said in the State of the University Address that the students need to come to us so we can know what they need, but it's the job of senators to reach out to the students."

She said that if she is elected, the SGA will be "streamlined."

Thomas's running mate, Ford,

is a junior criminal justice major and has served on the SGA since her freshman year. She has been a part of the Internal, Academic and Fiscal committees.

Ford said she hopes to contribute to Thomas's ideas by changing the attitudes of the senators.

"Right now when I look at the Senate, we have too many senators missing meetings and not providing excuses," Ford said. "I want to get rid of the lackadaisical atmosphere."

Thomas and Ford said other issues on their platform include, unifying Recognized Student Organizations and improving student services.

"There are too many organizations that have gone unnoticed and deserve to be represented," Thomas said.

She also said that RSO involvement would be improved if student services were improved.

"If students aren't enjoying their college experience, then they aren't going to want to stay on campus after their classes and take part in RSOs," Thomas said.

When asked about her competition for the presidency seat, Thomas said she is not worried about Luck and added that she is not deserving of the position.

"Honestly, I don't feel like [Luck] has been doing her job for the past year," she said. "She's got good intentions, but that's not enough. I'm not perfect or have all the answers, but when it is time to work, I get the job done."

Luck has served as vice president for the SGA since the start of the academic year, and Thomas said

she believes that Luck has not accomplished much.

Ford agreed with Thomas and said, "[Luck] is talking about and campaigning about things she wants to do, but she could've been doing these things for the past year."

In a later interview, Luck defended herself by saying that she wants to remind the student body that she was appointed to the vice president position in the middle of the 2010-2011 term after the elected vice president, Patrick Brooks, was unable to complete his term.

"I had not planned to serve as vice president and I didn't have a platform," Luck said. "I had some ideas, but I really didn't have any concrete plans before taking the position. The position needed to be filled, and I decided I could serve the SGA and students by doing it."

Despite not being properly prepared, Luck said she feels that she still was successful.

She explained that she still attended a Presidents breakfast with numerous NSU officials, organized a group to attend a rally for Louisiana higher education in Baton Rouge and was the first vice president to visit NSU's satellite campuses.

Luck said she is happy there will be an election because the student body deserves it.

"[Thomas] is good competition," Luck said. "I think the students have good representation."

The last day to file for SGA elections is Friday, March 18. Elections will be April 6-7. The SGA hopes to hold a debate for the candidates within the next couple of weeks.



Contributed photo

Tiffany Thomas (right) and Candace Ford (left) announced they will run against Tara Luck and Jake Funderburk for the 2011-2012 SGA presidential and vice presidential seats. Filings for candidates to enter the election close this Friday.

## NSU named as 'Tree Campus'

Catherine Beverly  
Sauce Reporter

The Arbor Day Foundation recently named NSU as a 2010 Tree Campus USA University.

NSU has been awarded this title for the past two years, and was the first education institution in Louisiana to receive the honor.

Vice President for University Affairs Marcus Jones said NSU officials have worked to improve the aesthetics of the campus, and trees have played a big part.

"The natural beauty of the Northwestern campus is one of the first things visitors notice and is a source of pride for our students, faculty, staff and alumni," Jones said. "The variety of trees we have planted and maintained is one reason the campus is special. This recognition shows we are working to maintain the best tree care practices."

Tree Campus USA was started by the Arbor Day Foundation in 2008 and has benefited universities around the United States since.

Tree Campus USA has five basic standards for eligibility. These requirements include the presence of a campus tree advisory committee, tree care plan and service learning project.

NSU met and exceeded all of these guidelines.

Marissa Sonnier, a sophomore



Photo by Kali Davenport

The Arbor Day Foundation named NSU as a Tree Campus USA University for the second year in a row. The university was awarded for its efforts toward tree-care.

at Louisiana Scholars' College, said she understands why NSU won this award.

"There are dozens of beautiful trees and many of the trees are native to Louisiana" Sonnier said.

Although many students at NSU said the campus is beautiful, some students believe more could be done to make the campus visually attractive.

Freshman Jared Dupont feels that more flowering trees and a more developed landscape would benefit the school.

More information about the Tree Campus USA program is available at [www.arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA).

Information from Vice President for University Affairs Marcus Jones was obtained from the NSU News Bureau.

## Prather construction causes major graduation changes

Taylor Graves  
Staff Reporter

The commencement ceremonies' date and location have been changed for the upcoming Spring graduation.

Previous graduations were held in Prather Coliseum with two ceremonies on the same day. This semester, however, there will be five different ceremonies in two locations.

Nursing students are now scheduled to graduate in Bossier City at the First Baptist Church at 6 p.m. on May 3.

The Natchitoches campus graduations have been moved to A. A. Frederick's Auditorium and will take place on May 5 and 6. Each day will have two ceremonies, which are divided by the College departments.

The change from Prather Coliseum to A. A. Frederick's is due to floor reconstruction in Prather.

"The entire floor system is being

replaced and demolition will start on March 21 and will not be finished by graduation," Charles Bourg, physical plant director, said.

Bourg expects the replacement will be finished toward the end of June.

Officials sent out a student messenger to all NSU student email accounts on March 4 to inform students of the change.

This change in graduation has caused many students to make their own changes in regards to family and travel.

"I wish they wouldn't have changed the buildings," Josh Nuss, senior liberal arts major, said. "My whole family can't even come to the ceremony."

Other than changing the date and time, changing the location has caused some problems for friends and family who want to support their graduate.

"I haven't been told what my limit [for family] will be yet," Jef-

frey Sholar, senior journalism major, said, "but I know I'll have one because A. A. Frederick's is a lot smaller than Prather."

Prather holds roughly 4,000 people in its stands. A. A. Frederick's only holds about 1,400 people.

Not all students were affected by the graduation changes.

"I am graduating from Scholars' and typically, the separate, smaller ceremony is Thursday evening," Christina Lake, senior liberal arts major, said. "With the change, both ceremonies will be on Thursday. I suppose this is more convenient for family members who want to attend both."

Despite these changes and effects on families, students are more focused with turning their tassel and receiving their diploma.

"It doesn't matter where they change graduation to as long as I am still graduating," Chris Gandy, senior psychology major, said.

## Reminder:

The first University of Louisiana System Undergraduate Research Day is Friday, March 18. Student presentations begin at 9 a.m. in the Cane River Room in Friedman Student Union.

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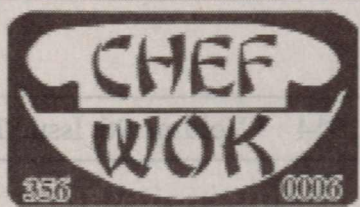


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Pictured above are NSU's Freshman Connectors at LSU in front of Mike the Tiger's cage a day before winning.

## Freshman Connectors win first place at local conference

Jeff Sholar  
Sauce Reporter

**"S**ROW-tastic" was just one way that NSU Freshmen Connectors used to describe their recent win this past weekend.

The Connectors attended the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop in Baton Rouge along with more than 70 colleges.

The weekend was filled with activities, education sessions and spending time meeting other college

leaders.

"We met a lot of fellow leaders and got ideas from them while bonding," Jessica Ratelle, sophomore business administration major said.

SROW is a conference designed from the National Orientation Directors Association. Its sole mission is to provide education, leadership and professional skills.

"I learned a lot from SROW and have a lot of ideas to bring back to school," Ryan Owens, sophomore computer information system, said.

But the weekend was more than gaining ideas for the NSU campus.

The Connectors spent most of their spring semester preparing for competitions.

Connectors participated in the song category of the competition. There were 20 other colleges in the same field.

"It was a tough competition," Chase Steppe, sophomore nursing major said, "there were just so many schools."

The connectors were fully prepared for the tough competition this year. And it all started with picking the right song.

This process was a group effort

of the 24-connector members. Morace is proud to be working so closely with this group of students.

"Each and everyone of us bring something different and new to the table," Morace said.

"We have such a diverse group but our camaraderie is uncomparable."

All the elements each member brought to the table made this win more worthwhile to the connector class.

"Watching them win first place and realize that all the practice was worth something made me proud to be apart of the Freshman Connector program," Van Erikson, senior journalism major and Freshman Connector program coordinator, said.

The win meant even more to the new 2011 connectors.

Stepp is in his first year of being a connector. His reason behind try-out was due to his own experience at Freshman Connection.

"I came to the one day session and had fun," Stepp said, "I want others to have the same experience I had."

Through their experience at SROW, the connectors are ready to hit to road that is ahead of them.

Morace knows that her lessons learned at the conference will be implanted in future connector events.

"Not only did we learn important information and get new ideas, but we also got to have fun and learn about each other. Winning was just the cherry on top," Morace said.

## The Look Book:

## The key to accessories

Tiffany Hall  
Practicum Student

**I** hope that everyone had a great and safe Mardi Gras and used the time wisely to shop online. This week, I'll be talking about something pretty simple, accessorizing, but hopefully I can give you all a little insight nonetheless.

Since we've discovered about all of the tips that I can give you about shopping for your perfect outfit, we still have yet to talk about a key point, and that is accessorizing.

My room is literally a danger zone when it comes to my stuff. When I first moved into my apartment, I thought I had enough room for everything, being that I have two and a half closets...boy was I wrong.

One of my closets is dedicated to my shoes alone, and right now it's over flowing. I can also say the same about my necklaces, earrings and bracelets. The top of my dresser is cluttered and the cubbyhole container that I have is stuffed.

I kid you not, overly accessorizing or not putting on the right accessories can make or break an outfit. I see it done all of the time.

The best tip that I can give to you is to try on your pieces with your outfit and actually look at yourself. I'm not trying to sound rude, because I've even had times where I'm rushing for work and I just throw on something and when I get there, I'm standing in the mirror asking myself what was I thinking?

Here are a few other tips.

Try not to put together colors that clash together because I have a friend who swears up and down that black goes with everything, and it doesn't. If you insist on putting together brown and black try to go with a lighter brown such as beige or tan color.

Also, metallic colors such as gold and silver work well with secondary colors, which are your greens, blues, and purples. I personally love my gold necklaces and bracelets over olive green.

Well that is my spill for this week, so get out there and buy some new accessories to go along with your clothes you bought online.

## Upcoming Events

- **Wed. March 16 - Fri. March 18 : 20th Annual Student Art Show - All day in Orville Hanchey Gallery**
- **Wed. March 16 - Alpha Sigma Alpha's benefit fashion show - Student Union Ballroom - 6 p.m.**
- **Thurs. March 17 - Student Activities Board adult comedy show - Student Union Ballroom - 7p.m. to 10 p.m.**
- **Mon. March 21- NAACP Black History Quiz Bowl - Student Union Lobby - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**
- **Tues. March 22 - Up 'Til Dawn - Student Union Ballroom/Lobby - 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

## Blue Key Honor Society strives to help out

Taylor Graves  
Staff Reporter

**T**he Blue Key Honor Society is hosting a Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive to help the local D.O.V.E.S. organization.

"The Blue Key D.O.V.E.S. clothing drive is an opportunity for students and faculty to start their 'spring cleaning' and give gently used clothing to a good cause," Laramie Lemon, senior biology major, said.

Blue Key members will be in the Student Union March 15 - 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. collecting clothes for women, men and children. Students and faculty are invited to donate and join in helping this local cause.

The men's clothing will go to the Men's Shelter in Natchitoches, while women and children's clothing will be donated to D.O.V.E.S.

This is the second year for Blue

Key to host this drive for D.O.V.E.S. Last year they collected 10 bags for the charity organization and hope their collections grow over time, Lemon said.

"Blue Key Honor Society is a premier honor society that recognizes college students at senior institutions of higher education for balanced and all-around excellence in scholarship, leadership and service," according to their national website.

A large part of their service and leadership involves working in the community to help improve the local society.

"We chose to do an event for D.O.V.E.S. because this organization helps out so many less fortunate people in the Natchitoches Parish community," Lemon said. "We couldn't think of a better organization to help out."

The Blue Key plans on making the Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive an annual event to support the local D.O.V.E.S. program.

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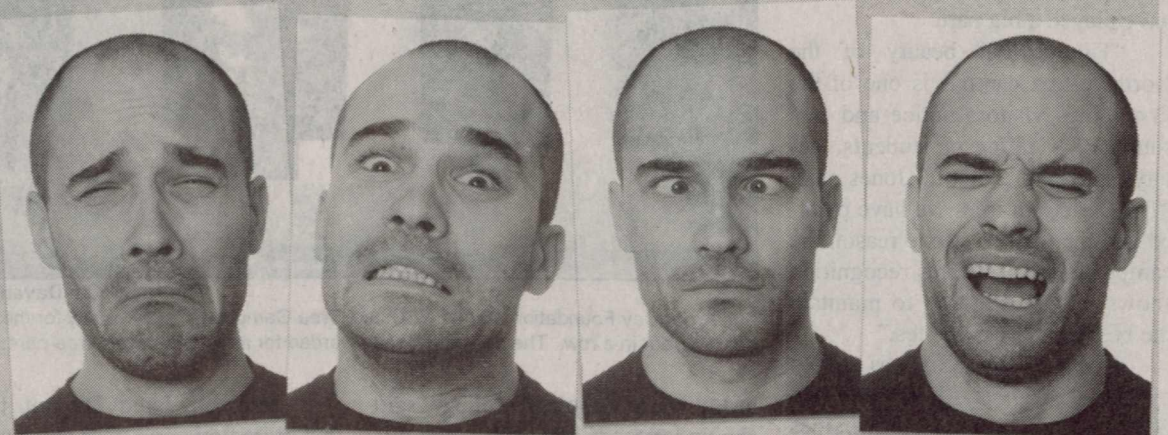
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## Two shots of 'tiger blood' 'bi-winning' 'gnarly-gnarlington'

Amber Neikirk  
Practicum Student



Headline catch your attention? I thought it would. We've all seen the news lately about Charlie Sheen: he's trashing hotel rooms, doing drugs, losing his wife, losing his job, losing his kids—there seems to be a pattern here—and in the midst of it all, not only staying out of trouble but profiting from it!

Yes, boys and girls, only in the Land of Oz can you completely fall apart before the world's eyes and make money doing it.

So how does one go about seemingly losing his mind while taking it to the bank?

Disclaimer: if you are reading this, there is a very strong possibility that you are not a celebrity, and that means I must warn you not to try a "Charlie Sheen" at home.

There is no way normal, non-celebrities can do these things and get away with them/turn an income from them.

Anyway, the first way to crumble and make money at the same time is to coin a catch-phrase that may make you look like an idiot but that keeps repeating in your public's

minds.

"I have tiger's blood," "Duh, winning," "I'm tired of pretending I'm not a total b\*\*\*\*in' rock star from Mars," and "I'm bi-winning. I win here and I win there," are some of my personal favorites that I try to work into everyday conversations.

Now, I can look forward to wearing them on a t-shirt, per online rumors that a company out of Los Angeles has offered a deal to Chuck's people to have his rants put on everything from clothing to mouse pads.

Another way to make money as you're driving the bus to crazy town is to get fired from your day job.

Though I'm by no means endorsing calling your boss a "troll" and firing off a \$100 million lawsuit against him and the company said boss works for, it has worked well for Sheen so far.

He has started his own "show" of sorts with *Sheen's Korner* which drew an inexplicable 1.2 million viewers its first episode.

He is in talks with TV billionaire Mark Cuban for a new show on HDNet which will guarantee him \$5 million an episode.

It was announced earlier this week that Sheen has inked a deal with Live Nation to star in his own "road show" that will be "Broadway-esque."

Third method of making cash for fallen stars: make yourself accessible to your public.

Chuck joined the "Twitterverse" last week and hit a cool one million followers in 25 hours, breaking the Guinness Book of World Records' record for fastest person to ever reach as many on the site.

In a statement made to TMZ last week, Sheen said that he "can score a fortune through advertising" and is now doing just that.

He has signed a deal with *Ad.ly*, "a Los Angeles-based company which brokers celebrity endorsements on social networking websites such as Twitter."

Finally, the best way to go insane and make money: act like and even say that you're on drugs...then prove you aren't.

Sheen has repeatedly told news outlets that he has been on drugs and many believe he still is, but he continues to prove the world wrong by submitting to random drug testing while on live television.

Every time he has you the viewer on the edge of your computer chair, wondering if he'll finally get taken down, he comes up clean.

He leaves us scratching our heads and adds millions of dollars to his bank account every time we watch.

Smart man. He may be insane, but I'm thinking he's got my vote for the Best Actor nomination next year.

Looks like being a Vatican warlock assassin is working wonders for this guy.

Z. K. McLendon  
Staff Columnist



Let's talk about something exciting. Me."

I, like many Americans, have been completely engrossed with the recent ravings and antics of that master of winning, Charlie Sheen.

From traveling the world with his porn-star "goddesses" to waving a sword and declaring "free at last" when CBS fired him, Sheen has everyone on the edge of their seats wondering what he will do or say next.

Personally, I've never cared for Charlie Sheen as an actor; I never got into his CBS sitcom, *Two and a Half Men*, and I've never really liked any of his movies; except for *Platoon*, which is awesome.

So why am I so fascinated with his descent into madness?

I guess it is a mixture of want-

ing to see how far he can push his limits and figuring out what "gnarly-gnarlington" triggered all of it.

So I've concocted three theories on why Charlie Sheen is always "bi-winning."

The first and perhaps the most obvious is that Sheen is actually going insane.

I'm not a psychologist, but when I hear a person raving about "fire-breathing fist" and "climbing out of troll holes," I think it's safe to say that that person should be locked up and put on some heavy medication.

As Hunter S. Thompson, a man who had been to the edge of insanity and back, once said, "If you're going to be crazy, you have to get paid for it or else you're going to be locked up."

Charlie Sheen has certainly been paid.

Before CBS canned him, Sheen was raking in nearly \$1.8 million per episode of *Two and a Half Men*, making him the highest paid actor on television, according to TV Guide.com

This leads me to my second theory: maybe Charlie Sheen's strange

antics were just a ploy to get fired from his hit sitcom.

He had made a few comments to reporters in the past about how he was getting tired of doing the show.

Unfortunately for Sheen, he was locked into a contract.

What better way to get out of said contract than to make anti-Semitic remarks towards *Two and a Half Men's* creator, Chuck Lorrie, and cover it up by faking insanity?

I mean he is an actor after all. Now, I have to warn you, my third theory is a little unorthodox.

Maybe Charlie Sheen is actually telling the truth.

Maybe he really is a "rock-star from mars" and has come to Earth, along with his rag-tag team of "Vatican assassins," to turn the world's "tin-cans into pure gold" and to teach humanity the sacred art of "winning. Everyday."

With all of that "tiger blood" coursing through his veins, anything is possible.

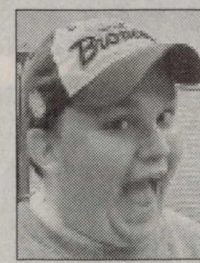
But seriously, no one knows what is going on in Sheen's mind except for Sheen.

All we can do is sit back and enjoy the ride.

Come by our office, 227 Kyser and apply to become a staff writer for The Current Sauce. Meetings start at 6 p.m. every Monday. We hope to hear from you.  
-The Current Sauce staff

## BS'in with the Bull: Wingman

Andy Bullard  
Opinions Editor



So I was wandering around Youtube this weekend and stumbled upon a commercial that made me

laugh and think. Have you seen the Coors Light "Wingman" commercial?

Two friends are at a bar. One guy is dancing with a beautiful woman and having the time of his life.

The other guy is listening to the woman's friend drone on about in-

vestment banking.

Then a guy with a guitar praises the second guy for "taking one for the team" and then belts out: "Wingmaaaaaaanaaaaaan!"

I can't really do it justice. It's pretty funny. You have to see it. Youtube it.

Anyway, the commercial is a celebration of the Wingman Theory Of Social Interaction.

For those of you unfamiliar with said theory, I shall explain.

In the simplest terms, a Wingman is a guy who helps his friend pick up women who are out with their friends.

While the Alpha Male Friend hits on the Alpha Female Hottie, the Beta or "Wingman" Friend distracts the Beta Female Non-Hottie.

There is a reason for this mad-

ness.

If the Alpha Male Friend were to go it alone, he would run the risk of the Beta Female Non-Hottie objecting to a lack of attention, which could cause the Alpha Female Hottie to spurn all advances out of deference to her friend's feelings.

Knowing the Beta Female Non-Hottie is not alone, the Wingman's presence allows the Alpha Female Hottie to shake her groove thing guilt-free.

It's an ingenious system, one that has evolved over the ages by cavemen courting cavewomen, hunters courting gatherers, pirates courting wenches, knights courting fair maidens, Good-Time Charlies courting flappers and to use the modern vernacular, "dudes" courting "hotties." (No one should be that surprised

that it was men who developed such a complex social dynamic. After all, we're the gender who perfected the "It Doesn't Count If You Cross State Lines" rule, the "I Tried Calling But No One Answered" gambit and the "I Look At Other Women To Remind Myself How Beautiful You Are" line.)

The actual term "Wingman" did not enter the American lexicon until the early 20th century.

It's a little-known fact that on December 16, 1903 Orville Wright was shot down by 26 different women in a Kitty Hawk, N.C., singles bar called TGISaturdays -- Saturday being the end of the work week back in those harder days.

Determined to show the gals he was no slouch, Orville and his brother Wilbur built the first airplane

that night and flew it successfully the following morning. When Orville returned to TGIS with his Wingman Wilbur (a very common name for a Wingman) women paid Orville new attention as plans for the first Mile High Club were discussed.

And that's how the Wright Brothers invented the airplane and revolutionized the Wingman Theory all in the same day.

Probably. What made the Wingman such a success?

The same advantage that American bombers have over advanced Iraqi slingshots: Stealth.

In theory, the Beta Non-Hottie never guessed she was being hit on by the Wingman.

Once again a Coors Light commercial has ruined life for all of us.

I am no longer attracted to twins after having the words "And Twins!" screamed at me from the television 37 Sundays in a row, every eight minutes, even with the mute button on. (Youtube this one too, it's pretty funny as well.)

Although I'm sure a small handful of women had guessed that Wingman existed, the subject was always laughed about in public and vehemently denied during official interrogation.

Now every Beta Non-Hottie in the country is in on the secret. That's 8,000 years of social evolution (including the advent of human flight) down the drain in one TV spot.

It will take generations to recover.

Coors Light, you are the worst Wingman of them all.

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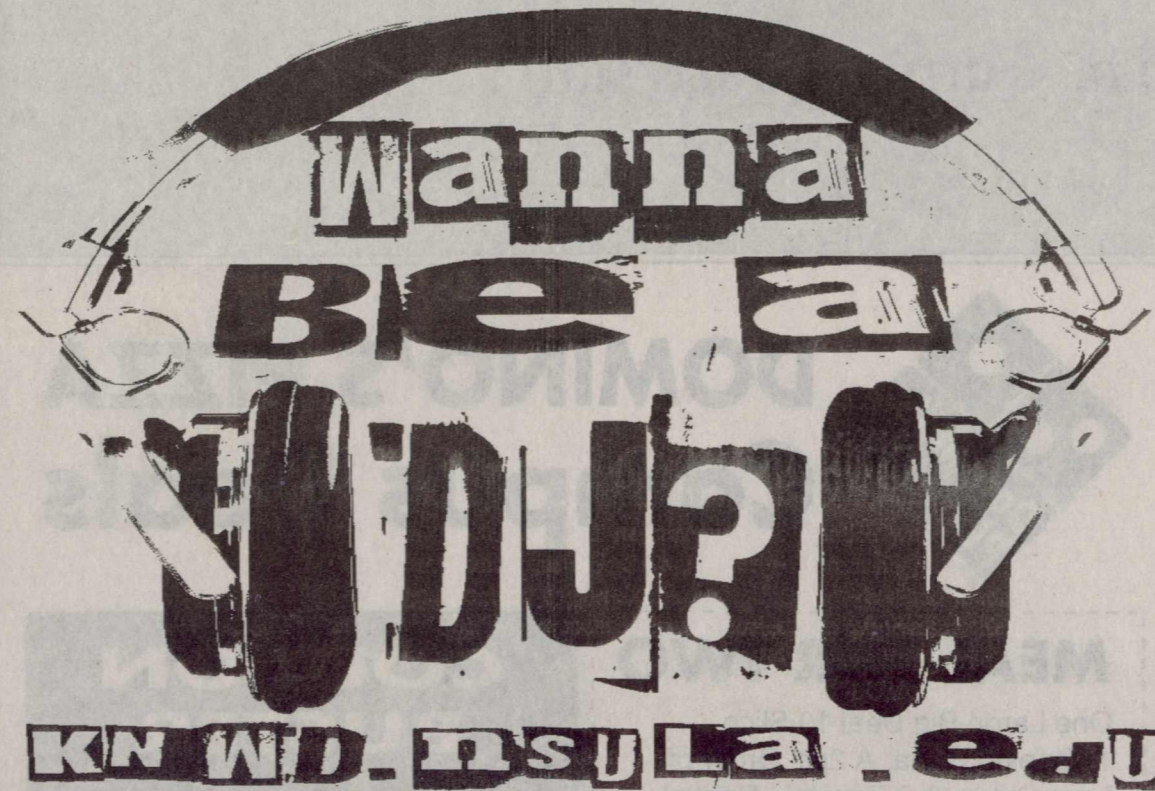
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## Dynomite: Let the games begin

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor



You can almost tell when it gets closer to start of the NCAA Tournament. The weather warms up and all the Laker fans become annoyed because nobody is paying attention to anything Laker-related.

Everyone's attention turns to the collegiate basketball ranks for their fix of hardwood action. This year's tournament expanded to 68 teams from the previous number of 65.

The number one seeds are Ohio St. out of the East, Duke out of the West, Kansas out of the Southwest and Pittsburgh out of the Southeast. If you know me, you know that I am a Big 12 buff and more importantly—I am a Kansas fanatic. For that reason, I have them winning the National Championship. For those of you that disagree with me, here is a break down of a few games that will show how I arrived at my decision.

For the #16 seed play-in game between UTSA and Alabama St., I have our Southland Conference opponent winning. It doesn't matter who wins this game because they

will get knocked out the next round when they play Ohio St.

The toughest game to decide in the first was the 8-9 game between George Mason and Villanova. George Mason's record stands at 26-6, and everyone remembers the time this team shocked the world as they went deep into the 2006 tournament. Nova's record is 21-11 and they have entered the tournament on a bad note. They lost 10 of their last 15 games. I pick Nova to beat the higher-seeded George Mason despite all the bad performance.

The team is loaded with talent and senior guards Corey Fisher and Corey Stokes will certainly make this team advance to the next round. Moving on to some of the important first round games of the west, the 5-12 game can go either way.

A #12 seed always has the ability to upset a #5 seed, but it won't happen this game. First off, it is weird to see Memphis as a #12 seed, but it is great to see Arizona make a statement this season. If Arizona forward Derrick Williams has a great night—and I believe he will—they will win by at least 10 points.

For the Southwest, Saint Peter's drops Purdue, Richmond drops Vandy and Texas A&M advances over Florida St. For the Southeast, I have Butler moving on, Gonzaga getting dropped by St. John's and UCLA taking Michigan St. despite their ex-

perience.

For the second round, West Virginia beats Kentucky for a spot in the Sweet 16. This game was a coin toss. Kentucky has to shoot the lights out in order to win. This will be tough because the Kentucky has not faced a defense like WVU all year. The Mountaineers are big and physical and that can be a problem. I pick WVU to advance past the Wildcats for that reason. The 4-5 game in the West is Texas vs. Arizona. Texas wins and not because of my Big 12 bias. They win because I think they are the better team.

A big Sweet 16 matchup in the Southwest is the 2-7 game between Texas A&M and Notre Dame. The Aggies won every non-conference game since their loss to Boston College in November. I think they will upset Notre Dame to advance to the Elite 8. Moving on to the Southeast, St. John's advances past the charismatic Jimmer Fredette and BYU.

My elite 8 is set with Ohio St vs. N. Carolina for the East matchup. Texas goes head to head with Duke for the West. Kansas faces their conference opponent Texas A&M for the Southwest game, and St. John's will play K-State for the Southeast.

I picked Kansas, St. John's, Ohio St. and Texas as my Final Four teams. Kansas and Ohio St. moves on with Kansas winning the National Championship April 4 in Houston.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Lady Demon pitcher Kylie Roos delivers a strike down the middle of the plate.

## NSU gears up for LA Tech

Kavolshaia Howze

Sports Info:

After a 10-day layoff, the Northwestern State softball team is eager to resume play as the Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters visit for a non-conference single game Wednesday at six o'clock at the Lady Demon Diamond.

Northwestern (15-9) has not been in competition since March 6, when it was swept in a Southland Conference weekend series at Texas-San

Antonio. However, the Lady Demons remain among the best teams in the SLC in team batting (.283, second) and pitching (2.49 ERA, third).

Louisiana Tech (7-19) travels to Natchitoches standing seventh out of the eight teams in the Western Athletic Conference after suffering an 11-0 loss to No. 22 Texas A&M on Sunday.

Kylie Roos (8-2) looks to improve on her 66 strikeouts and 2.37 earned run average. The Celina, Tex-

as sophomore will also be a threat at the plate as she has emerged as one of the best power hitters in the conference with six home runs (tied for first), 23 RBI (second), .780 slugging percentage (second) and a .373 batting average (seventh).

NSU will get a boost as 2010 All-SLC slugger Samantha Roberts makes her second appearance in the starting lineup after recovering from a concussion suffered earlier in the year. In her first start in the final game against UTSA, the junior went 2-for-4 with an RBI single in the heart of the lineup.

Louisiana Tech's Meghan Kripp stands among the WAC best pitchers with 106 strikeouts (second) and a 3.94 earned run average (10th). Utility player Janna Frandup sets herself apart as the team's go-to hitter with a .309 batting average and a team-high 11 RBI.

The Lady Demons return to the Lady Demon Diamond this weekend against rival Stephen F. Austin. The three-game SLC series will begin Saturday with a doubleheader at 1 and 3 p.m. followed by the final game at noon on Sunday.

The Cane's Challenge will be active for all games this week. Fans who attend the games will receive a coupon to buy one combo and get one free at Raising Cane's, if the Lady Demons score five or more runs.

The "Drake and Danny's Hot Dogs Days" promotion is back. Free food will be given away at each game this week. Wednesday's food is sponsored by the Student Alumni Association and the weekend's food is sponsored by the NSU Alumni Association.

Suddenlink Outfield Club memberships are still on sale at \$50 each, \$35 for students. Individual and group tickets are also available through the NSU Ticket Office. Call Adam Jonson at 318-357-4268 for more information.

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent
Wednesday March 16	6:00	Softball	LA Tech
Saturday, March 19	1:00, 3:00	Softball	Stephen F. Austin
Sunday, March 20	12:00	Softball	Stephen F. Austin
Friday, March 18	6:30	Baseball	Stephen F. Austin
Saturday, March 19	2:00	Baseball	Stephen F. Austin
Sunday, March 20	1:00	Baseball	Stephen F. Austin

The Student Alumni Association will be providing a tailgate for the softball game against Louisiana Tech, which include free food and a great time before the Lady Demons square off with LA Tech.

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## Written complaint filed to Election Board against candidate

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association Election Board is having a hearing today to determine if presidential candidate Tiffany Thomas violated the organization's bylaws concerning its campaign policies.

The election board, which is made up of three SGA senators, the chairman and three other students not involved with SGA, is investigating whether Thomas took part in negative campaigning against her opponent Tara Luck.

NSU Supreme Court Chief Justice Tim Gattie filed a written com-

plaint to the election board Thursday, March 17, which initiated the investigation.

Gattie explained that the complaint was a result of comments Thomas made in last week's article of The Current Sauce, "Thomas announces candidacy for SGA president, expresses strong opinions toward opposition."

Gattie said Thomas allegedly attacked Luck's past job performance, which he said is a violation of Article 8, Section 3 of the SGA bylaws.

The complaint was nothing personal against Thomas, Gattie said.

"I want to see a fair campaign," he said. "If we let these campaigns turn into a mudslinging contest, it

will result in the degradation of the SGA."

Both Thomas and Gattie will have an opportunity to present their arguments today at the hearing and the election board will make their ruling before dismissing.

"I want to fully understand both positions and see if any wrong-doing was committed in the campaign," said Zech Jones, chairman of the election board.

Jones explained that if found guilty for negative campaigning, Thomas's punishment could range from a warning to a restriction in her campaigning budget to disqualification from the election.

Gattie said it is his opinion that

Thomas should be eliminated from the campaign race.

"The damage is already done," he said. "Her comments were printed in the story and the election has been ruined."

The hearing is at 4:15 p.m. today and closed to the public.

Thomas said she did not wish to comment for this story.



## Blueprint plans finalized for Sigma Sigma Sigma house

Taylor Graves  
Staff Reporter

The Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority finalized the blueprint plans for their new house on Greek Row this past week.

"It's just going to be beautiful, and we're excited about it," Anna Gasperez, freshman Sigma Sigma Sigma member, said.

Although a specific groundbreaking date has not been set, Sigma Sigma Sigma plans on adding their house to Greek Row in the upcoming months. It will be the third house on the Row so far.

The new sorority house plans include normal housing elements: a foyer, living room, meeting room

and porch. A unique element of the house will be the exterior.

There will be two front doors, Gasperez said. The side facing the road will look like the front, but then the back will also be fixed up because that will be the main entrance for the members.

As in any organization, the sorority made sure to include all of the opinions from members, the advisor and alumnae.

The sisters all had a say as to what they would like to see in the house and now the plans are finalized, Gasperez said.

Sigma Sigma Sigma has been fundraising and saving money for years in preparation of building this new house. Alumnae and ac-

tive members have each played an important role in accomplishing this dream.

The new house will allow the sorority to do more things in the Greek community and for themselves.

"It has been a dream for the alumnae and actives to build a bigger house to host events such as socials, recruitment events and to welcome back members in the future," Maegan Morace, junior Sigma Sigma Sigma member, said.

Some members are excited about the everyday advantages the new house will bring to the sorority. "During classes, we can go to our house and hang out with our sisters," Gasperez said.

The sorority is not sure what will happen with the current Sigma Sigma Sigma house, but the idea of giving it to another Greek organization has been raised.

"I think it would be good to do that," Gasperez said. "It would be nice for all of the Greeks to be on campus."

A completion date has not been announced, but they hope to be finished by Fall 2011 recruitment.

No matter how long it takes to build the house, the sisters know it is not the house that brings them together.

"It's the Sigma girls inside the house that make it a home, but we are very much looking forward to this house project," Morace said.



Photo by Jeffrey Sholar/ The Current Sauce

Students and organizations attended Up 'Til Dawn yesterday to raise money and awareness for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Participants mailed St. Jude's information and donation packets to people they know, in hopes that they will donate to the research hospital. There were 45 student-teams, and each team consisted of at least six people. After mailing the packets, students played games like "ultimate rock, paper, scissors" and participated in activities like "Demon Idol." Last year, Up 'Til Dawn raised more than \$30,000. For more information, check out the full story on the Life page.

## Daniels provides defense, not offended by Thomas

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

After reading presidential candidate Tiffany Thomas's remarks toward him, Mark Daniels, current president of the Student Government Association, said he wants to set the record straight for the student body.

In The Current Sauce's last issue, Thomas said she is not happy with the direction Daniels took the SGA during his time as president and said he did not help the Senate run at its "full capacity."

Daniels said he completely disagrees with Thomas's statements.

"I've always said that I was going to give the senators the choice of what they're going to work on," he said. "I didn't want to make every decision for them and turn the SGA into a dictatorship."

Daniels said that major policy changes take time, so it often appears that nothing is being accomplished within the Senate.

He explained that moving to online voting at NSU took four years to finalize and implement and restructuring the fee payment system took three years.

"When you make a big change, it usually takes more than a year to see results," Daniels said. "I'm really proud of what the SGA has done this year."

He pointed out that it was his

cabinet and senators that that helped usher in the new fee payment system for all students and it was he and his executive officers that ensured NSU had representation on the state level concerning higher education's budget.

Daniels said he is not angry with Thomas, but added that he did not feel like there was much truth in her statements.

"I don't think there's enough evidence in [Thomas's] statements to be offended," he said. "I'm not going to talk bad about anyone, but once you actually get in an executive position, you learn that things don't happen overnight."

### Other SGA news:

The Senate approved Monday night to recommend to NSU officials that they implement technology with the capacity to manually input campus wide identification card numbers of students that have lost their cards.

This would allow students to still be able to use certain facilities, like computer labs, if they have their card lost or stolen.

The Senate will vote in their next meeting on whether to approve to allocate \$2,000 from the Distinguished Lecture Series budget to allow Jeffrey Anderson of the University of Louisiana Monroe to be the 2011 NSU Research Day featured lecturer.

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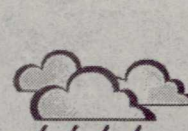
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Photo By Jeff Scholar / The Current Sauce

Pictured above is the NSU Soccer team participating in the letter writing campaign for Up 'Til Dawn.

## Students raise money for St. Jude's in the city that never sleeps

Jeff Scholar  
Sauce Reporter

For one night students came together to support one purpose. That purpose was to support the children at St. Jude's Hospital.

"The main focus of Up 'Til Dawn is the letter writing," Ruth Wiser, junior journalism major said. "Every student team is encouraged to bring addresses to address letters

to their friends and family asking them to donate."

Up 'Til Dawn is a national event that many universities across the county participate in.

NSU decided to join the cause last year planning the first student-led event.

"Last year was our first year and we had an amazing outcome. We had around 400 people last year and raised over \$33,000," Wiser said.

With the success of last year, a new executive board stepped up to

the plate to take on the challenge. They had one goal in mind to make it bigger.

"The participation has doubled this year," Chris Vaughn, executive board member said. "We had to add more to our executive board."

That board went straight to work in planning this event.

This year they had more time in order to make this event the best they could.

"It was a better experience to have a whole year to plan instead of

the six months they had last year," Vaughn said.

The differences in the event were not only the growth in the event but a change in the overall theme. The theme, "Up 'Til Dawn In the City that never Sleeps" was decided randomly.

Throughout the night, there were prize giveaways, musical performances and mini competitions such as best banner and table decorations.

"We will also have lots of food and several games including, Demon Idol, charades and several others," Wiser said.

But the night was still all about the children of St. Jude's Hospital.

For Kali Broussard, junior biology major, it was a positive step into her future.

"I heard about how it was last year and wanted to contribute," Broussard said.

Broussard also added that in the future her goal is to become a pediatrician and this is just one more way she can help children out.

However, one moment that brought it all back was when a patient of St. Jude spoke to the student teams.

"This is such an amazing event where college students can come together and be part of something much bigger than themselves," Wiser said.

The main goal for next year is for the event to grow here at NSU.

## Gas prices affect future plans of students at NSU

Natalie Stewart  
Practicum Student

As gas prices continue to rise, NSU students feel the strain and find ways to conserve their consumption of fuel to lessen the financial blow.

According to CNN, as fighting between opposition forces and Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's troops begins to look more like a civil war, gas prices can be expected to continue to rise. Prices have risen nearly 82 cents since September 2010.

Libya is not among the top suppliers of U.S. oil with only 3 percent of Libyan oil exports heading into the U.S., but global economics link the events there to the pumps in the U.S.

"The gas prices have affected me slightly," Chris Vaughn, sophomore business major, said. "I drive less than before to try and save mon-

ey, but I still need to get where I am going and no matter the price, as a consumer, I will pay it."

According to the latest Lundberg Survey of cities in the continental U.S. the national average for a price of self-service unleaded gasoline is at \$3.51, it showed an increase of 32.7 cents in two weeks.

"I think the increase on gas prices is outrageous," Tori Sanford, sophomore early childhood education major, said. "I have a small car, and where it usually only took \$30 to fill it up now it is more like \$40, and I realize that is only \$10 difference, but we are college students."

Students have been driving less and being more efficient with their consumption of gas as prices continue to rise.

"The increase in gas prices has taken a toll on me," Michael Stephenson, sophomore business administration major, said. "I try to condense my errands and I don't go home between classes like I used to;

to save my consumption of gas."

As spring break approaches some students have to cancel or postpone plans.

"The increase has made me postpone any road trips until prices come back down," Stephenson said. "I am now spending spring break in Natchitoches."

Students that still plan to travel for spring break have had to make modifications to the amount of money they have to allocate to gas.

"My friends and I are still going to travel for spring break," Sanford said. "But the increase in gas prices has increased the amount of money we have to pitch in for gas."

While gas prices have had an effect on NSU students they are finding ways to be more efficient with their use of it by lessening how much they drive, combining errands into one trip rather than taking several trips a week and are staying on campus between classes instead of driving back and forth.

## Upcoming Events

- **NAACP Diversity Forum: Why can't we relate? Wed. March 23rd. at 7 p.m. Student Union Ballroom**
- **Scholars' College Presentation Series - Wed. March 23rd. at 6:30 p.m. - Room 146 Morrison Hall**

## The Look Book: What not to wear

Tiffany Hall  
Practicum Student

When I started this article I said that I would not tell you how to dress, and I still won't. However, since I've given you all of the tips that I feel that I can tell you, I can still have an opinion right?

With the warm weather here this brings about a time for everyone to dig throughout his or her closet, which normally brings about fashions from last years season. And that's fine. But there are some things that you should just leave alone, or burn.

Here's my list for the ladies. Clothing item number one that needs to be removed from any clothing storage device: any type of neon legging, tights or fishnet anything has to go. Now mind you for this season "trend wise", bolder colors such as hot pink and orange are in. Just try to avoid wearing it under a dress.

Another option opposed to wearing tights or fishnets are colored skinny jeans or jeggings. Jeggings in a bright color may be harder to find, but I'm almost positive with the million and one clothing Web sites you can find a pair.

Trend number one for the ladies (Insert big sigh here). Wearing actual leggings as pants. The reason, besides the fact that it only looks right on certain body types, it's just not cute. Once again, back to my beloved jeggings as an option as opposed to just tights.

Here's my list for the guys. And really and truly, I didn't have a list until I made a grocery store run while writing this column.

While in Fred's, I came across a worker who had on a pair of Marithe' Francois Girbaud. (Insert another big sigh here).

I actually don't have a big problem with Girbaud, but the ones that I saw had some type of white outlined box as a pattern. In a nutshell, any type of jean or pant with a pattern, just don't do it.

Alright everyone, the rest of this semester will be geared towards upcoming trends for this spring and summer. Have a good week!

## SAB elects new officers to fill executive board positions

Taylor Graves  
Staff Reporter

The Student Activities Board had elections last week which filled four offices with new students.

These new officers are focused on getting the students more involved with campus activities and listening to what they have to say.

"My top priority right now is the students and letting them know they have a voice," President Shaquille Broussard, senior business administration major, said.

Broussard was honored to be voted president for the upcoming year. He has big plans for his board and the students.

"In the upcoming semesters I want the board to be more active with the students," Broussard said. "I want us to hand out handbills and talk to the students about the event."

Not only does Broussard want to be on the front lines for all events but also help in any way possible.

"I understand that being president you are the face of the organization, but I want to be much more than that," he said.

"I want to be the one getting involved and helping with events by being the behind the scenes worker or whatever is asked of me as long as it is for the betterment of the students."

Other new members are excited and hopeful for the upcoming semester.

Austin McCann, new Executive Representative at Large, is in charge of Homecoming Week 2011 and Spring Fling 2012. He wants to make both events memorable for every student.

"I plan on bringing a big name artist to Northwestern and have a big concert," McCann, sophomore liberal arts major, said. "This Homecom-

ing will be one of the best Homecomings NSU has seen in awhile."

McCann knows these events are big and important to his fellow students, so he has an immense job ahead of him.

"Being voted into this position truly brings on a lot of pressure and responsibility," McCann said. "However, the board and I feel that I am ready to do the job."

Another important job for the upcoming SAB members is getting students to attend the weekly meetings.

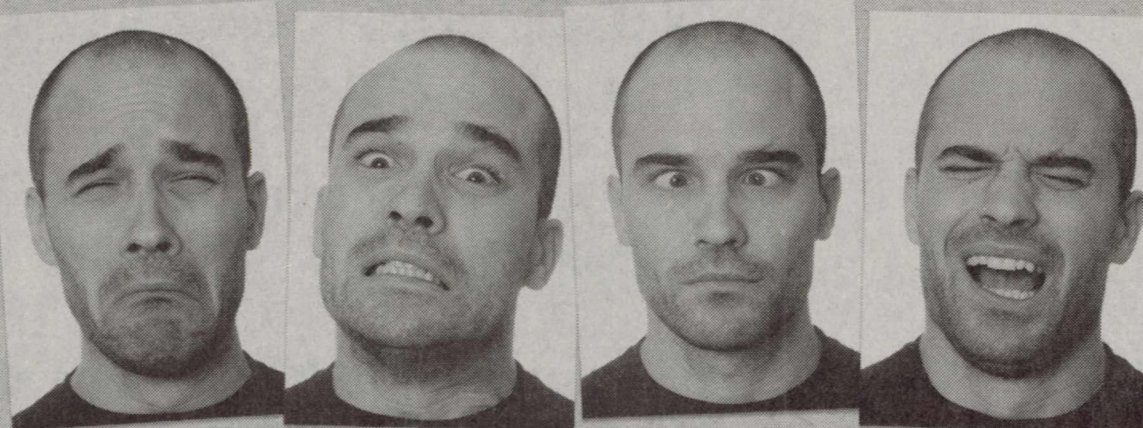
"I want it known that our meetings are open to the students every Wednesday at 5 p.m.," Broussard said. "By students coming to our meetings, they can give us more input on events and also tell us what they want to see on campus."

Sarah Broadway was also elected as the vice-president, and Solomon Matthews was elected as the secretary/treasurer.

## Reminder:

SGA elections will take place April 6th and 7th online at sga.nsula.edu. It will be general elections for positions on SGA, as well as SAB elections for the position of Rep-at-large.

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# Addresses to the students

## My dear fellow students,

It has been such an honor and a pleasure to serve you this year as your Vice President.

I'm now excited to tell you that I am running for Student Body President. It has been a difficult year for our university and for the Student Government Association (SGA).

I do not need to reiterate how uncertain things have been with the looming department and budget cuts, and the SGA has had to start fresh multiple times with a change in Vice President, Treasurer, Speaker of the Senate, and the Secretary. Despite the adversity, NSU and its SGA have prevailed.

This year alone, SGA successfully had our first On-line election and gave away lots of money to Recognized Student Organizations (RSO) through our Organizational

Relief Fund.(ORF) I organized a Breakfast with the President and other important NSU faculty where we were able to sit down and talk to them about student problems on campus and how to better reach out to commuter, satellite, and internet students.

I am in the process of planning the next one. President Daniels and I have begun some great initiatives, and we have been fighting hard for the University on the state level by drafting legislation to oppose more budget cuts.

Mark and I worked closely with Student Technology to establish Org -sync which is now up and running. Mark has been working to ensure stability of our student media.

Mark is well-known and respected on the state level and with Dr. Webb and his administration - and I want to continue these trends.

Jake Funderburk and I intend to fight on the state level to limit or stop budget cuts through the Counsel of Student Body Presidents.

I am already in the process of working with other Student Body Presidents across the state and with EducateLA to plan another March on the capitol, and Rallies on campus against budget cuts to Higher Education.

I want to continue the good relationship Mark has with Dr. Webb and Dr. Abney, and to continue integration with satellite campuses.

I'm really optimistic about the future of our university; I can't even fit all of the wonderful things SGA has been working on for you in just one column! PLEASE get out and vote-your SGA would be nothing without you!

Tara Luck

## Dear Northwestern State University Student Body,

As many of you know the Student Government Association and Student Activities Board will be holding elections for new executives and representatives-at-large April 6-7.

Likewise, many of you know that I am running for President of the Student Government Association.

With that said, I would like to officially leave you with some final words.

More than anything I genuinely care about the Student Body.

Our concerns have been my focus since I began as a senator of the SGA my Freshman year.

I now currently hold the office of being your Commissioner of Student Affairs.

Realizing that so many of you

feel as if you have no one to go to to voice your concerns bothers me more than words can express.

The SGA is supposed to be your voice, but how can we voice what we have not allowed ourselves to hear?

As much as I respect my colleagues in the SGA, I can honestly say we have failed the Student Body at large.

As President I would like to breathe life back into the SGA so that we all as senators and executives do due diligence in representing your interests.

I will discourage any kind of personal agendas that are not about the business of the Student Body.

We decide what we want to see at our University and as President I want to continue the relationships I have built with many of you and ensure that this happens.

I pride myself on being outspoken and refusing to back down because out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks and I have always had an affinity for representing what is right.

What is right to me is that the students at NSU have the most rewarding experiences of their lives and in order for this to happen, you all need a leader who will serve.

As President, I promise to seek you out, hear your voices, and present them to the Senate and faculty so that we can all work together to reach a sound solution.

There are many things in the midst for NSU and I look forward to guiding us all through as the next Student Body President!

Tiffany Thomas

# Everyday? I think not

Z.K. McLendon  
Staff Columnist



I love college. From the diverse flow of knowledge to meeting new people and all the joys in between, I

love everything about it.

Well, almost everything. Ever since my first day in a college classroom, there has been one thing that has caused me great annoyance; one thing that is constantly hovering in the back of my mind.

That one thing is the attendance policy.

Let me tell you a story about a naive boy who flew too close to the sun, so to speak, and suffered the attendance policies vengeance.

Long before that demon spirit possessed me, I attended college in Nashville and studied music business.

I took a class called "the history of the music business," which consisted of information I already knew

because I had been studying music's history since junior high.

So basically, I never went to class except for test days, and I made an "A" on every single one of them.

Well you can imagine my shock and dismay when I got my final grade and it was a "C," all thanks to the unforgiving attendance policy.

I've never gotten over that, and it still angers me when I think about it.

I just don't see how the attendance policy is fair, nor do I see a rhyme or a reason for it.

Why should a student that is doing well in a class be forced to attend every single session?

The way I see it is we pay a nice chunk of change to attend college, and as long as the administration gets its money, what business is it of theirs how we choose to spend our class time?

It's not like a professor's salary is determined by how many students attend his/her class on a certain day.

And speaking of professors, why don't they get penalized for missing class?

I live in Many, and I can't tell you how angry it makes me when I drive all the way to Natchitoches for

class only to discover that it's been cancelled.

It really takes the joy out of the whole thing.

But my point is that professors, who's salaries we provide the money for, can cancel class willy-nilly, yet we are expected to attend every class.

How is that fair?

Now I'm not telling you that you should skip your classes all the time; after all, they are the reason we go to college. But sometimes it becomes necessary to take a personal day for mental health.

Why should we be penalized for that?

Luckily, some professors understand this concept and are lenient about the attendance policy, but there are still those that are sticklers about it.

In fact, I have a professor this semester that gives you three freebies and then your grade begins to drop.

I'm happy to say I used my third freebie today in order to write this.

Consider it my own personal form of protest against the attendance policy.

Come by our office, 227 Kyser and apply to become a staff writer for The Current Sauce. Meetings start at 6 p.m. every Monday. We hope to hear from you.

-The Current Sauce staff

# What your status really means

Amber Neikirk  
Practicum Student



If you haven't heard, Facebook's been the "it" thing for the past few years now.

That's why everyone and their mother—literally—posts good things constantly, but very rarely post anything negative.

Come on, how awful would it be to let your "frenemy" know that his or her life is better than yours?

With all that constant bragging, it's no wonder that recent studies have shown that Facebook, along with other social networking sites, has been known to create feelings of loneliness, dissatisfaction and depression.

No one wants everyone in their friend list to find out that they got dumped on their birthday, or that the new job they'd been praying for—and reminding us about being up for—is actually the worst job they've ever had.

What it all boils down to: your most-hated coworker's Facebook profile is not totally accurate, and neither is yours.

It's all well and good to toot your own horn for getting into that super-exclusive grad school, to tag a picture or two of yourself looking great, or to post on a few close friends' walls that you got a raise, but when it's all you or someone you

know talk about for weeks, then it becomes a bit much.

Here's a quick guide to decoding what's actually behind those dishonest words:

**The Over-the-Moon Newlywed**

The profile picture: Something that was professionally taken and has the bride and groom staring in each other's eyes lovingly.

The status: "My hubby bought me a new Coach bag, took me out to dinner and we're getting a new car this weekend for my birthday! I love being married!"

What she really means: I'm overlooking the fact that I clean up after him constantly, that he and I work eight-hour shifts at separate times and never see each other and that we're going in to debt with all the spending he's doing for my birthday.

**The Privileged Adult-Child**

The profile picture: One with a big group of friends going out or on a vacation somewhere, and has been either a going-out or vacation picture the last seven times she's changed it.

The status: "Had an amazing weekend on the river with friends and am back now in time for the beer pong tourney tonight. Can't wait for Panama next week!"

What she really means: I don't have a real job, I have no direction in life and have no idea when I'll ever grow up, I'm racking up credit card debt but hey—someone's got to do it!

**The Newly Not-Single and Flaunting It**

The profile picture: Some sort

of close up of herself and the new boyfriend that she took herself and has an entire album of.

The status: "Aww...he sent me a dozen roses to work and made me dinner. All smiles. :)"

What she really means: Hey, I have a boyfriend. Did you hear? I'm not single anymore.

Not a big deal or anything, I'm just not single like some of you losers.

It's starting to wear off and I'm beginning to wish I was single again, but I'm not. Just so you know.

**The Happy-Go-Lucky Mommy**

The profile picture: The new baby. Duh.

The status: "So happy the baby sleeps through the night and proves everyone wrong! He makes being a mommy so easy!"

What she really means: I haven't slept in days, I'm going out of my mind with delirium and I smell of baby wipes and formula.

**The VIP of Life**

The profile picture: Either something that she took in the mirror before going out or at one of the many functions she's attended.

The status: "Busy week ahead! Job interview Tuesday, going to see the new Bradley Cooper movie with the girls Wednesday night, pub crawl Thursday night, the concert Friday night and Becky's birthday dinner on Saturday night!"

What she really means: To all those girls who were mean to me in middle/high school, check out my life now.

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# Demons can't escape late game rallies

## Dynomite: I got the NCAA Tournament blues

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Stephen F. Austin scored all three of its runs with two outs, including two in the top of the 11th inning, to complete its first three-game Southland Conference baseball sweep over Northwestern State since 1988 after a 3-1 win on Sunday afternoon.

The game followed the pattern of Friday and Saturday's games as SFA won both of those in the 12th inning.

The loss was the 12th defeat in the last 13 games suffered by the Demons as they fall to 5-14 overall and 1-5 in conference play.

Eight of those 12 losses are by two runs or less with six of the defeats coming in the opponent's last at bat.

SFA (16-5, 6-0 SLC) won for the 10th straight time after it scored two runs in the top of the 11th inning, then held off a NSU rally in the bottom of the frame to win the contest.

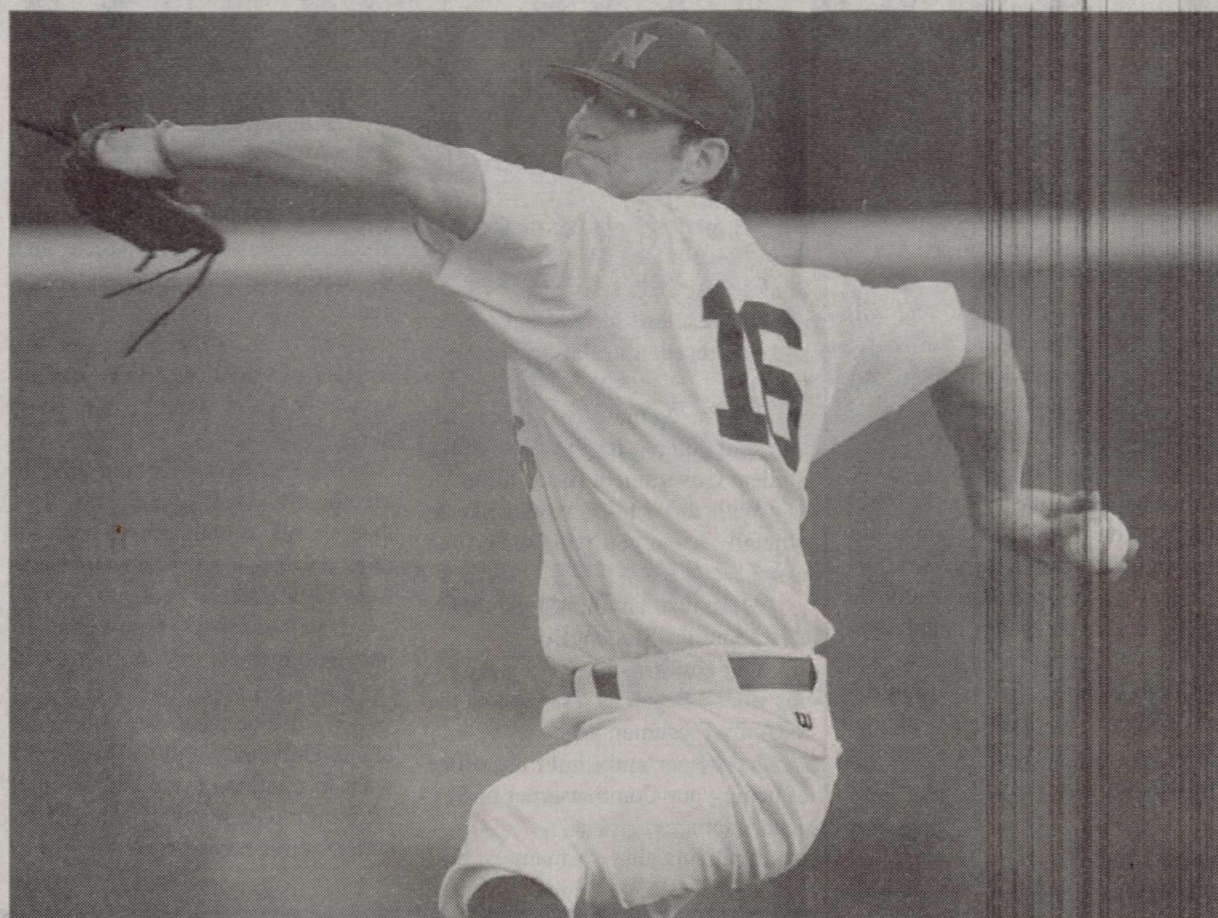
NSU's Dustin Northcott (1-3) took the loss in relief work after he allowed two runs on three hits in 3 2-3 innings pitched.

He walked four and struck out four. Colin Bear started the game for the Demons and pitched seven innings of one-run, six-hit ball with seven strikeouts and no walks.

Landon Kozeny (2-0) picked up the win for the Lumberjacks in relief work after he threw 2 2-3 scoreless innings and allowed one hit and struck out five.

Jason West notched his second save of the season after he got the final out of the game.

SFA went ahead 1-0 in the second inning when Riley Huble led off the inning with a single then scored on a two-out single by Jus-



Luke Irvine delivers a strike down the center of the plate in a game against SFA. The Demons lost the series to the Lumberjacks 2-1

tin McAninch. The Demons tied the game in the sixth inning after Drew Heleni reached after getting hit by a pitch, went to second on a groundout, and scored off a Chris Hebert single.

Both teams would go scoreless over the next four innings until SFA plated two runs in the 11th.

Jarid Scarafiotti got the rally going with a one-out single off of

Northcott but was thrown out at second on a double play attempt off the bat of Huble for the second out of the inning. Jackson Hood walked to put runners at first and second and

Jordan Lewis singled up the middle to score Huble and give the Lumberjacks a 2-1 lead.

Brett Fredieu relieved Northcott and walked the next two batters, scoring one to make it 3-1. Mathias Simmons came in and got the Lumberjacks to groundout to end the inning.

In the NSU half of the 11th, Miles Parsons drew a one-out hit by pitch and pinch-hitter Matthew Farmer smacked a two-out double in right center field to put runners at second and third with the winning run at the plate.

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor



The Sweet 16 is here and I have to say that my bracket is not looking how I'd hope it would.

Some of the things that happened early on was a clear sign that the basketball gods condemned my picks.

I'm pretty sure many of you feel the same. Virginia Commonwealth is a great team and I take nothing away from them, but I didn't think they would do so well. If you recall, I had them losing the play in game.

VCU won the next two games easily. The #6 seed Georgetown loss 74-56 to the Rams. VCU repeated the same performance next round when they faced Purdue.

The Boilermakers were the #3 seed in the Southwest. Seeding did not matter that game. VCU played great as a whole. Their bench outscored Purdue's bench 29-5. All five bench points came from the Boilermakers freshman Terone Johnson.

The Rams senior point guard Joey Rodriguez was the heart of the team. He played lights out, scoring 12 points with 11 assists, two rebounds with no turnovers.

VCU was not my only bracket buster. St. John's loss to Gonzaga was painful to watch. I had St. John's going to the Final Four, but they were knocked out in the second round. Gonzaga's Marquise Carter scored a career-best 24 point to help his team

upset the #6 seed by the score of 86-71. Gonzaga also outrebounded St. John's 43-20, I wasn't as upset about this one because it was a tough pick that could have went either way.

I lost sight of how good Gonzaga has been in the past. Their name is always in the air when it's tournament time. St. John's has not been in the tournament since 2002.

The last clear sign that shows the basketball gods' condemnation of my tournament picks is the 4-5 game between Texas and Arizona. Texas was supposed to go deep in the tournament. My bracket had them going to the Final Four as well. This was another game that could have gone anyway.

Arizona forward Derrick Williams is a phenomenal player that scored the winning points for his team after they were given another shot to win because of a controversial 5-second call.

Despite my Big 12 bias, I think it was the right call by the officials. I watched the replay and the referee. At 4.19 seconds, Texas' Corey Joseph was just beginning to turn to the official.

Two of my Final Four teams remain in the tournament. Kansas and Ohio State are the only survivors. Both teams have a tough rode.

Kansas has a few Mid-Major schools in its path and all college basketball fans know that those teams are the Jayhawk's Achilles heel.

Ohio State's next game is against Kentucky. If they beat them, they will face Marquette or North Carolina. You can assume that they will play UNC.

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## Luck, Funderburk win SGA executive campaign: Thomas questions integrity, results of election

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

The student body voted to elect Tara Luck and Jake Funderburk as the Student Government Association's president and vice president for 2011-2012.

A total number of 576 students cast a vote during the election period, April 6-7. Luck and Funderburk received 331 votes, while their opposition, Tiffany Thomas and Candace Ford, received 245 votes.

"Of course I'm excited and pleased at the election results," Luck said. "I'm honored to be elected."

Luck added that she was happy to see the number of students that voted this year.

"I'm really glad students are getting interested and involved," she said.

Luck said the overall campaign was a difficult process.

"Tiffany [Thomas] was great opposition," she said. "She put her heart out there for the students, and I look forward to working with her in the future."

SGA Adviser Yonna Pasch said this year's election turnout was similar to last year's numbers.

This year, however, the SGA received its first vote from a satellite student. Luck said she looks forward to seeing increased involvement from NSU's satellite students.

Luck and Funderburk will swear into their new positions at the SGA's next meeting April 18.

Before the end of the semester, Luck hopes to appoint new senators and has a breakfast with NSU President Randall Webb to discuss student and university issues.

### Opposition toward Luck

After being elected, Luck and

Funderburk's time for celebration was short-lived.

Files against Luck and Funderburk's campaign were charged by NSU Supreme Court Justice Lewej Whitelaw, Thomas's running mate, Candace Ford and Thomas's campaign manager, Crystalyn Whitaker.

Whitelaw, Ford and Whitaker claimed that illegal and negative campaigning took place.

The negative campaigning charge was based on Funderburk's platform statement. In his platform, Funderburk said he believed the SGA failed the student body.

The illegal campaign charge was based on the fact Luck and Funderburk left a campaign poster on the third floor of Friedman Student Union, which is a violation of the Election Board's policy.

The Election Board ultimately ruled in a hearing on Monday that Funderburk was innocent of negative campaigning, but found Luck and Funderburk guilty of illegal campaigning for having a campaign poster posted on the day of the election.

As punishment, Luck and Funderburk have to each forfeit \$250 from their executive scholarships, which cover the costs of tuition and university fees.

The Election Board had the authority to use its own judgment when issuing punishment to Luck and Funderburk, and the board could have ruled that they were disqualified from their newly appointed position.

"The violation was not deemed heinous enough to justify disqualification," said Zech Jones, chairman on the Election Board.

Luck and Funderburk intend on appealing the ruling of the Election Board to the Supreme Court because they feel the poster being left up on

election day was an honest mistake, Luck explained.

"We definitely did not mean for the poster to be left up," she said. "We weren't trying to get any extra advantage."

Luck said student workers at the student union hung her campaign posters, and she thought the workers were going to take all of the posters down.

In addition to Luck and Funderburk's appeal, Whitelaw has also filed an appeal to the Supreme Court stating that the punishment issued by the Election Board is inappropriate according to the election code.

"The punishment given is not only too soft, but it's more importantly unconstitutional," Whitelaw said.

According to Article 8, Section 4 of the election code, Whitelaw said the only fitting punishment for Luck and Funderburk's wrongdoing is disqualification from the positions of president and vice president.

Whitelaw said he has not decided yet if he will take part in the appeal as a Supreme Court justice. He said if he does serve as a justice for the appeal, then he will make his ruling based off of the constitution, and not his feelings.

Thomas said she supports Whitelaw's appeal completely.

"I feel like punishment [Luck and Funderburk] received doesn't fit the crime," Thomas said.

Thomas explained that she believed the punishment she received from the Election Board before Spring Break for taking part in negative campaigning was much more severe than what her opponents received.

Thomas added that overall she is "disgusted" with many members of the SGA after all of the events that have transpired over her campaign.

"I am disappointed in the gen-

eral lack of professionalism that was displayed by people in the SGA," she said. "I feel like I was done wrong and treated unfairly by them."

According to Thomas, executive members and senators lied to students and spread negative rumors against Thomas and Ford.

Specifically, Thomas claimed that current SGA President Mark Daniels lied to students by telling them that Thomas spent more than her allotted budget amount for her campaign and that she was no longer eligible to run for president.

Daniels denied these allegations.

"I never advised any students to not vote for either candidate, and I never officially made a stance toward the election," Daniels said.

Thomas said she puts part of the blame for her losing the election on her belief that too many SGA Executives and Election Board members were biased and closely involved in the process.

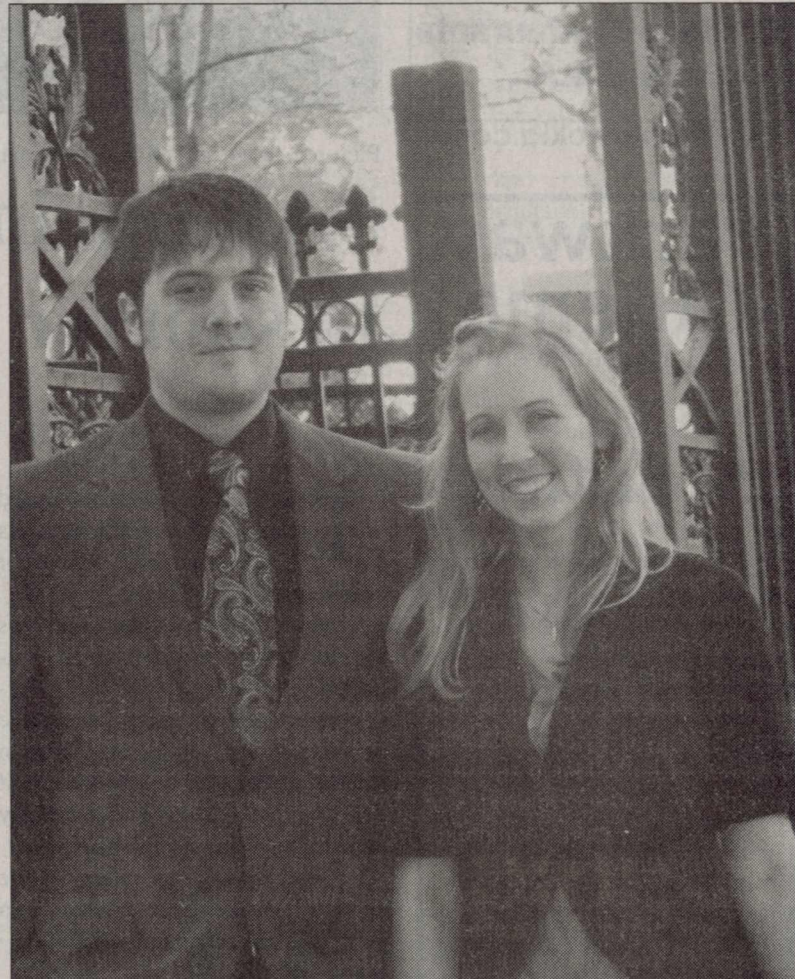
"I feel like the integrity of the vote was compromised because of all the rumors and bias floating around," she said. "Too many of Tara [Luck]'s friends were in positions of authority and influence during our campaign."

Daniels said he stands by his cabinet members and senators and said he has faith that all matters were handled fairly and professionally.

To go along with the appeal to the Supreme Court, Whitelaw is also collecting signatures from students for a petition to allow for the polls to be reopened and another vote to take place.

Whitelaw said he is not very optimistic that his petition or appeal to the Supreme Court will be taken seriously, but added that he is simply doing what he feels is right.

"The way [Thomas and Ford]



Contributed photo

Tara Luck and Jake Funderburk were elected as SGA president and vice president. They will be sworn into office April 18.

were treated over the past few weeks was wrong," he said. "At least want to put up a fight and show that people care."

Looking back, Thomas said she stands by everything she said during her campaign.

"I said what I said because it's the truth," she said. "I don't hold back, and I don't sugarcoat things."

She also said she only has one regret.

"I don't have any regrets about what I said," Thomas said. "I don't have any regrets about my campaign."

I only regret believing that the Executive Board and a few members of the Election Board would actually be fair and partial."

At the start of the campaign, Thomas said she intended on still returning to the SGA as a senator if she lost the election. She said she has changed her mind.

"I cannot work with these people," she said. "I will not work with these people."

Specific dates for the Supreme Court hearings have not been set yet.

## University takes part in Research Day

Taylor Graves  
Staff Reporter

Students and teachers went back to the basic level of teaching with small lectures on various subjects during Research Day.

"Research Day is an opportunity for faculty, undergraduate and graduate researchers to share their work with the University community," Dr. Margaret Cochran, Chair of Research Day Committee, said.

With a full day of lectures, students were able to attend lectures on many different subjects, if it is related to their major or not.

"Students who attend talks are exposed to ideas that may not fit directly into one of their courses, as a class lecture would," Cochran said.

Some of the lectures presented during Research Day were The Divine da Vinci, Collaborative Teaching Skills and Dispositions, Virtual Realism - A Short History of Awesome and War World II Propaganda in Cartoons.

"There is always such a wide range of topics presented at Research Day," Christina Lake, senior liberal

arts major, said. "I know that some professors require their students to attend, so I would think it wouldn't be difficult to find at least one session in which they were interested."

Most of the presenters were teachers who gave lectures on subjects they are considered to be an expert on or teach.

"It goes to my Faculty Activity Report demonstrating my University Service category," Dr. Lynn Woods, professor, said.

Woods, a regular presenter at Research Day, gave a lecture titled The Economic Impact of Travel on Louisiana Parishes.

Teachers were not the only presenters.

Students were also encouraged to make presentations.

"Student presenters have the opportunity to experience a conference environment without some of the stress and expense," Cochran said.

Many students take advantage of Research Day to prepare for their thesis defense.

"My presentation was a portion of my thesis," Lake said. "I have participated in Research Day before, but I played in a quartet. I hadn't had

the opportunity to do a traditional lecture."

A new aspect of this year's Research Day was the poster session where researchers presented their work in writing while the attendees viewed their posters and they were available to answer questions.

After the day's events were over, Woods thought the campus experienced another successful Research Day.

"I think Research Day is a good way for both students and faculty to exchange ideas and new material," she said. "Therefore, yes, I do think it was a success."

There were 33 poster presentations with 110 people who went to the poster session. Forty-five undergraduate and 34 graduate students made presentations with 12 nominees for the Phi Kappa Phi Student Research Award, which was a new record. The attendance number also went up with over 500 people throughout the day.

Future plans for Research Day include an expansion for the poster session with more presenters and more professionally designed posters, Cochran said.

## Students work together for service week

Taylor Graves  
Staff Reporter

NSU organizations put their heads and hearts together with the multiple service events they did last week for local and national charities.

Theta Chi fraternity organized their Theta Chi Service/Philanthropy Week to support the Boys and Girls Club.

They hosted multiple events throughout the week including Chunk Your Change, Student Union Road Clean Up, Carnival Balloon Pop and Clean the Courtyard.

All of these events were designed to raise money or support the campus, and Theta Chi asked each participant to donate a can good at each event.

The last day of the week was something special for Theta Chi.

"Friday was our most exciting day when our entire chapter along with some girls from other sororities built benches that will be donated to the Boys and Girls home as well as the CDC," Austin McCann, sophomore liberal arts major, said.

Overall Theta Chi thinks the

event went well, and they raised a substantial amount of money for the Boys and Girls Club.

The fraternity looks forward to being able to help the community and the campus again next semester.

"We will continue to do service weeks and service events for our campus and community because that is what Theta Chi is all about," McCann said.

"Our motto is Extending the Helping Hand."

The women of Phi Mu and Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities hosted the Pink About It Week.

This week was a way to get two sororities involved together and raised money for both of their philanthropies.

"The service week that AKA and Phi Mu created was done to show Greek unity throughout NSU campus," Tylar Bedford, Alpha Kappa Alpha member, said.

"Unity that was expressed to the campus to show that when you work together anything is bound to work when you have the best interest at heart for our fellow classmates and peers."

The biggest day of the Pink

About It Week was last Wednesday. They held a carnival on the Kyser brick way in the morning with food, games and prizes.

That afternoon there was a one-mile fun run starting and ending at the Phi Mu house.

The admission for the fun run was \$3 per person with all profits going to Children's Miracle Network and Emerging Young Leaders.

Another big service week last week was Samaritan's Feet Week host by the Dodgeball Team.

Although money donations were welcome, the main goal of this service week was to collect shoe donations for the service organization Samaritan's Feet.

This organization is non-profit and provides shoes for shoeless children in Africa.

The main events during this service week was Chunk Your Change (or drop off shoe donations), Powerade Pong Tournament and Guinness World Record Dodgeball Game.

Through these various service weeks, money, support and awareness were raised for local and national organizations.

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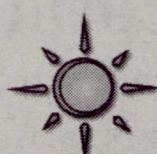
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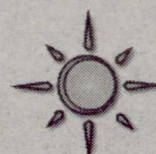
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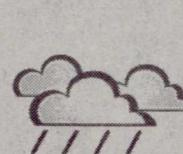
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Photo By Jeff Scholar / The Current Sauce

Pictured above are NSU students participating in Spring Fling 2011 by eating crawfish that SAB provided.

## SAB Spring Fling week reduced to shorter one day event

Jeff Scholar  
Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board took a risk to bring students to a different kind of luau for this year's Spring Fling.

The usual week-long event was shortened to one-day for NSU students.

Sarah Broadway, executive representative at large, who was in charge of the planning of the event said that making this event one day was a good thing for the board.

"We decided to make it one day to have a bigger event with a lot more entertainment," Broadway said.

The planning for this event started the week after Homecoming. Some things stayed the same throughout the planning process such as having free crawfish for the students Broadway said.

However there was something different that the board wanted to bring to the students this year and that was a new theme.

"We all wanted a luau but also wanted it to be something fun," Broadway said. "We wanted to have a good time so we added a Cajun flair."

Board members had to all come together to ensure that this could happen. Jarica Lege, sophomore biology major and SAB member, said it was a group effort.

"The board has been working hard together," Lege said. "Sarah is over 15 of us (representatives) so we all had to come together."

The event not only moved times but also moved locations. Students came out the newly built Alumni Pavilion on NSU's practice field.

The new location provided students with the chance to relax in the shade as they enjoyed the festivities SAB had to offer. Spring Fling offered free inflatables, music and of course the crawfish.

"I came out for crawfish and all the other amazing activities and entertainment," Keneka Scott, junior accounting major, said.

Some of the other activities included a Velcro wall, bounce cham-

ber and a mechanical surf board. However, it was the free crawfish from a local Natchitoches business that was the biggest hit.

Many organizations came out to support and participate in this event. SAB tried to include as many different groups in the planning process as possible.

One group that showed their support was NSU's new Glee Club.

"I came out for the crawfish, of course, but I also came out to support the Glee Club because of their performance," Gregory Spencer, sophomore health education major, said.

Spring Fling had some limitations for a one day event. The time span was long for the amount of food that was served.

Also many students did not participate in the inflatable games SAB had to offer.

SAB members stand by the fact that limiting Spring Fling to one day will essentially provide more services for students in the future events.

It was easier with so much going on for students during the week to make events last one day.

Some students disagreed with the change while others supported. Ashley Rogers, senior marketing major, said she liked this event better than last year.

"We have so much to do during the week cause it's longer and it has more activities. I think it's better when it's one day," Rogers said.

This event wraps up main events SAB is having for spring semester. Broadway said that this is fine by her because it leaves time to plan bigger and better events for the year to come.

## NSU Music Ensemble has French influence

Natalie Stewart  
Practicum Student

The NSU Contemporary Music Ensemble presented a complete performance of French Composer Erik Satie's "Vexations," Friday and Saturday in Magale Recital Hall.

Brad Smith, Nathan Glassy, J.C. Bryant, Corey Joachim, and NSU faculty member Paul Christopher make up the NSU Contemporary Music Ensemble. Studio Art major, Jeremy Jones, and faculty member Leslie Gruesbeck provided artwork to enhance the performance.

"I played the piano for this performance while the other group members played the vibraphone," Joachim said. "Mr. Paul Christopher, low strings/theory professor, also played for a short time."

To prepare for this performance the Contemporary Music Ensemble had several short rehearsals on the music itself.

"We will be preparing ourselves for the concert in silence as noted from the composer himself," Joachim said before Friday's performance. "I feel as if the performance is going to be great, but the music is very difficult to sit through, and performing it for a long time will be a very demanding mental challenge not only for me, but my fellow performers as well."

Upon graduating from NSU Joachim, senior music education major, plans to attend graduate school for composition and theory.

"I am very involved in 20th century music, and hope to continue my education with that subject in theory and composing," Joachim said.

Percussionist, playing the vibra-

phone, Brad Smith, chose the instrument for the arrangement because of its close resemblance to the piano.

"Before the concert I was very anxious, yet excited to perform this massive piece, and after the concert I was very proud of how it went," Smith said. "Physically, I prepared myself the day before the concert, and the day of, by going on a strict no artificial sugar/caffeine and very low fat diet."

After graduating from NSU Smith, senior music education major, plans to pursue a Master's degree in Music Theory, and sometime in the future go into a doctoral program.

The performance began at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and was concluded by 5 p.m. on Saturday, and was streamed and recorded to Ustream.tv as well as a hard copy video for later viewing.

## Upcoming Events

**Greek Week  
begins this  
Sunday, April 17  
with a Barbeque  
and Step Show at  
Organization Row**

**NSU Band 100th  
Aniversary Ban-  
quet to be held  
Saturday, April  
16 in the Student  
Union Ballroom  
from 2 - 11 p.m.**

## Steven Llorens: The Magic Man

Taylor Graves  
Practicum Student

Northwestern teachers and students acknowledge the hard work, dictation and growth its students gain throughout their time at NSU in many ways.

Stephen Llorens, senior graphic design major, is the latest honor student in the Creative and Performing Arts Department. He has been presented with various awards throughout the last two semesters.

"I feel humble and motivated," Llorens said. "There are many talented artists in our department and around there and being chosen as the best out of so many keeps me going and striving to do even better."

Some of the biggest design projects Llorens has had to work on this past year was designing the 2011 NSU Potpourri yearbook and his senior art show.

"Both kept me sleepless," he said.

His senior art show goes through Wednesday of this week and displays the best of his artwork and what he has learned throughout his time at NSU.

The yearbook was displayed for the first time at the preview of his senior art show Monday night. Students can pick up their own copy of the yearbook during the last two weeks of the semester.

For the yearbook, Llorens combined students' thoughts and pictures to create a book full of memories for each student to cherish. Through his design and layout, students will be able to look fondly back onto the years they spent on this campus.

Llorens would not have been able to complete this difficult, time-consuming design projects without the help and support from his teachers.

Throughout everything in the design world Llorens finds one thing the most important.

"The one thing I enjoy the most about design is how you can take a plain medium and push it to the limit with the accessibility of so many technological advancements in design software," he said.

He uses these technological advancements and his knowledge from school to reach this height of awards and acclaim.

"Hard work, tons of research and dedication to my craft attest to the many accomplishments I have made at Northwestern," he said.

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# The devil's in God hates slander the details

Kelli Otto  
Sauce Columnist



Last week I went on a date with a nice guy and during the date the guy asked me the basic question that is asked on first dates, "when was your last relationship?"

So I was honest and said over three years ago.

He first looked at me like I was crazy and asked "so you have just focused on school the past three years?"

The answer is no, now if he had asked when the last time I was dating someone was, I would have said two months ago or when the last time I was talking to a guy, I would have said a week ago.

You might be thinking what is the difference or that there isn't one.

Well, there is a difference in talking, dating and being in a relationship with a person. So let's take a look at the facts:

**Talking** is when you first meet someone and there is that little spark of chemistry.

It is getting to know the other person. Urban dictionary describes talking as "When two people like each other and are getting to know each other better, but are still single and not 'going out' yet."

This is the stage that everyone

hits but rarely makes it out of in college. College is the time to meet people and find yourself.

Which is why many people do not make it out of the talking stage, because someone new and more exciting always comes along.

**Dating:** Now you might be thinking that isn't dating and talking the same thing, it is getting to know someone. Well it's not!

The major difference is that in talking you are just hanging out and dating is going out in public together, going on dates to dinner and/or a movie.

Hints why it is called dating!

You are not fully single but you are not taken.

The only exception is first dates are not considered dating though, if a second date happens then you are dating.

**Relationship:** Now you're probably looking at this paper and wondering how is dating and a relationship different.

Just because you are dating someone does not mean you are in a relationship with that person, so here are a few questions you can ask yourself to know:

Do you hang out other than at night?

If not, you should find someone else cause they do not want a relationship with you.

Have you met any of his or her friends other than the dog and/or the roommates?

If someone wants a relationship with you they will introduce you to everyone, if not they are just looking

for fun and you're probably not the only one they are hanging out with.

Have you had the relationship talk?

It took Robyn and Barney (from How I Met Your Mother) getting locked in a room to have the talk.

I know it might be weird but if you don't talk you will never know.

Is it Facebook official?

With Facebook running everyone's life, putting the relationship on Facebook means it is public and everyone knows you are off the market.

If the other person does not want to put it on Facebook they don't want a real relationship.

It is not a relationship until you both say it is an official relationship.

Even though you are dating it does not mean you are in a relationship so ladies don't be mad when the guy acts single. It has to be said out loud between the two for it to be real.

Now I have dated guys throughout college but I have not been in a relationship since high school.

When I first tell guys this they get confused and think that I have a chastity belt and stay away from guys, which is not the truth.

But dating a guy is not a relationship, when you are dating you like the person but you are still technically single.

So next time you are asked the basic question of "when was your last relationship?" think back to the last time you had 'in a relationship' on Facebook and there is your answer.

Z.K. McLendon  
Staff Columnist



Let me start off by saying that I'm not a member of any religious sect; however, I do have my own personal idea of God, which works just fine for me.

I also have a great respect for any and all religions and for the people that believe in them.

This article is based off of Christianity's idea of God because honestly it's the only one I'm familiar with.

The way I understand it, God is a loving being that views all of humanity as equal.

This is a beautiful idea.

That's why it deeply disturbs me whenever I see people using the name of God to spread their own bigoted opinions of the world.

By doing this, they turn this beautiful idea of God into something ugly and perverse.

The most recent example of this is the Westboro Baptist Church's protests at the funerals of homosex-

ual soldiers.

I'm sure we have all seen their protest signs that read, "God Hates Fags."

This is based off of six different verses from the Bible, but the one that seems to get quoted the most is Leviticus 18:22, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination."

If the members of Westboro Baptist Church believe in that verse, which they obviously do, then logically that should believe in all of the verses in the Bible.

So why don't we see protest signs against the other "abominations" listed in Leviticus?

For example:

God Hates Bacon - "And the swine...is unclean to you / Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcass shall ye not touch." Leviticus 11:7-8

God Hates Crawfish- "Whatever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you." Leviticus 11:12

God Hates Freedom- "How- ever you may purchase slaves from among the nations around you... you may treat them as your property."

Why don't we see these protest signs?

Because it's not the word of God that drives the members of

Westboro Baptist Church and people like them; it's fear.

Fear of the unknown, fear of what they can't understand.

So they use the beautiful idea of God to mask their hideous prejudice and disgusting ignorance.

Instead of spreading love, which is God's cardinal intention, they pollute the world with hate.

By using God to spread this hate they are breaking the second commandment, which states, "Thou shalt not take the Lord's name in vain."

Many people associate this commandment with a certain curse word, but it goes a lot deeper than that.

The dictionary defines the word "vain" as "having or showing an excessively high opinion of one's appearance, abilities or worth."

The members of Westboro Baptist Church are using the name of God to show excessively high opinions of their worth compared to that of homosexuals.

"Vain also means "producing no results," which is what their protest ultimately come to: nothing.

It's hypocrisy at its worse, and according to Job 8:13, Proverb 11:9, Matthew 7:1-5 and many, many other Biblical verses, God hates hypocrisy.

## Don't judge a book by its cover

Taylor Graves  
Sauce Columnist



In elementary school, I'm sure we all heard the little saying "if you assume you make an ass out of you and me."

This saying is suppose to help you remember how to spell the word assume.

Throughout the years since elementary school, I have wanted to thank the person who came up with that saying because I am a horrible speller.

And throughout these years I have learned how true the saying is.

Whenever you assume something about a person, place, event or anything, you are usually wrong and feel like an ass after voicing your as-

sumed opinion.

No assumption makes you feel worse than when you assume something about a person, and I know we all assume things about people.

The first time you meet someone, you make assumptions about the type of person they are, who they might be friends with and more.

For example, just because a girl flirts with a guy does not mean the two are involved in anyway.

Or because you see someone smiling that does not mean you should assume why they are smiling.

Or if a guy and girl go to a baseball game together that does not mean they are dating...a guy and girl can just be friends.

Or because you are out with someone and they are texting that does not mean you are unimportant or the person is not paying attention to you.

Then there are the first impression assumptions that everyone makes.

For instance if someone is preppy, emo or sporty.

Or if they are a loner or outgoing person.

If they like to party or are more laidback.

Some of these examples may seem harmless, but you never know how someone will take an assumption or how that assumption will run its course in the rumor mill.

I could give many more examples of assuming, and I'm sure every person has their own story.

People will form opinions and make assumptions of others without a second thought.

Most of the time, these assumptions just make an ass out of the person assuming.

So, with the wise 21 years under my belt, I've learned to not assume anything about anyone or any situation because it may turn out that the person or situation is nice, good or whatever and that you were wrong.

Which makes an ass out of you.

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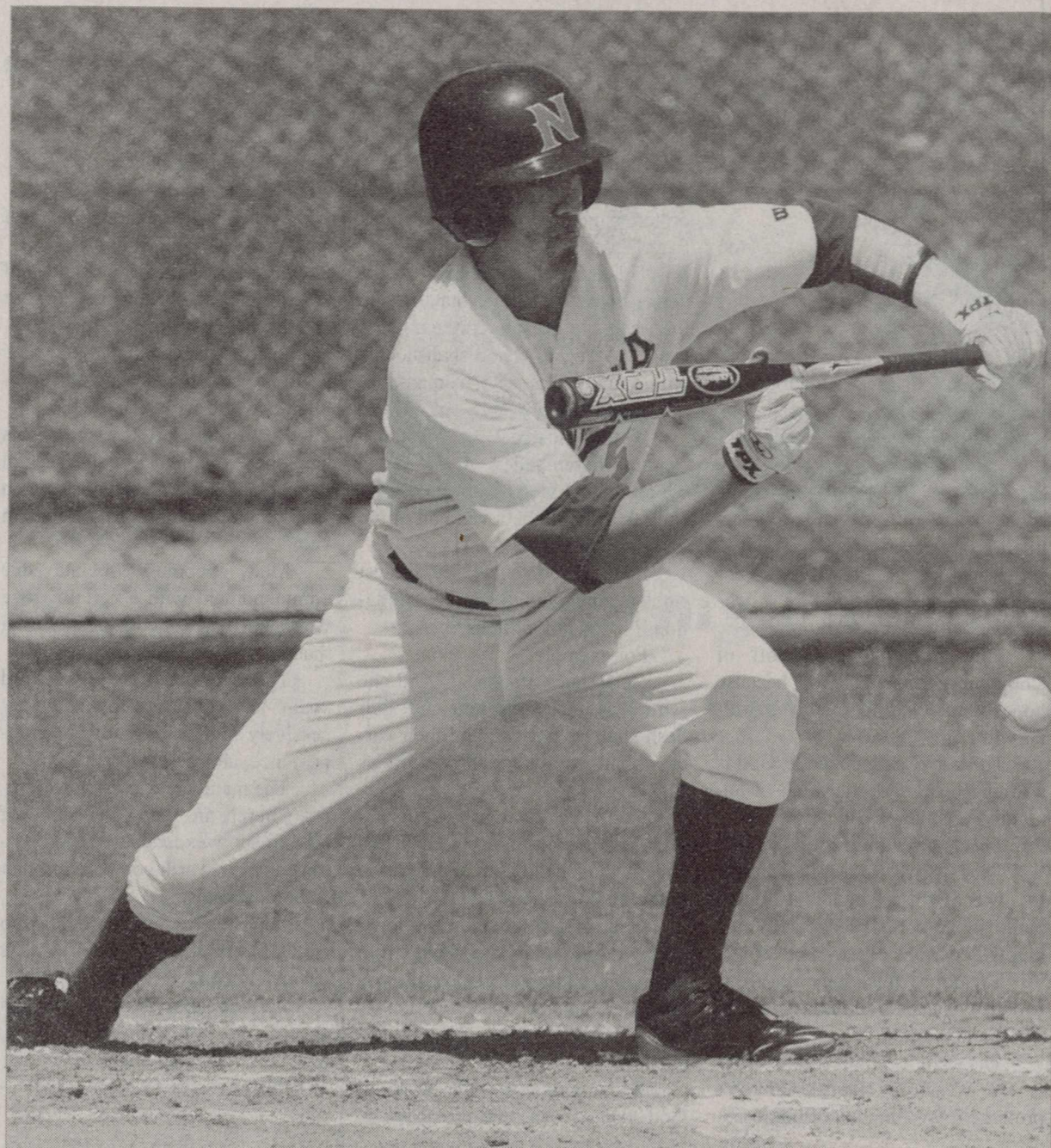


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Chris Hebert attempts a sacrifice bunt with runners on base. The Demons lose all three games against the Colonels.

## Demons lose weekend series against Nicholls

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor

The Demons continue its downward spiral, losing the weekend series against Nicholls State University at Brown-Stroud Field. With all three losses, NSU fell to 10-22 on the season with Southland Conference record of 3-12. Nicholls improved its overall record to an even 16-16 while the Colonels SLC record jumped to 6-9.

Demon pitcher Luke Irvine (3-4) took the 5-3 loss in the first game Saturday afternoon. He allowed five runs off of nine hits and three walks while striking out eight batters in six innings.

The Demons' offense finally came alive in the eighth inning thanks to a three run triple by NSU star Colin Bear. Bear smacked the ball to the right-center wall to drive in all runs for the demons. NSU was not able to get any closer.

"The difference of the ballgame was that Luke wasn't sharp tonight," NSU head coach J.P. Davis said. "That's the first time all year he hasn't given us a chance early on to win. His rhythm and timing were off and he was leaving the ball over the plate. After the fourth inning, I told him to speed up his tempo. He did that and punched out four of the last six guys he faced. But that was

the difference in the ballgame."

Defensive mishaps plagued the Demons in the second game as well. The Colonels capitalized in the error-prone Demons and scored four unearned runs late in the game.

Demon relief pitcher Dustin Northcott (1-4) received the 6-3 loss after the defense allowed three unearned runs and two errors while he was on the mound.

The Demons trailed going to the eighth but Bear rocked a RBI double that tied the game at 2-2. Matt Famer's at bat advanced Bear to third, and he came home on a throwing error to give the Demons a 3-2 lead late in the game.

The Colonels did not stay behind for long. The ninth inning lead-off batter Michael LeGrange drew a walk to get on base. A sac bunt by Mac Krol was mishandled by Chris Hebert allowed LeGrange to circle the bases and tie the game at three-all.

The Colonels scored three more runs thanks to a single by Austin Flores, a Demon wild pitch and a sac fly that made the final score 6-3.

Bear was the starting pitcher for the final game of the series. In eight innings pitched, he walked two, struck out four and gave up three hits and no earned runs.

"Bear gave us a chance to win," Davis said. "There were times today where he's been as good as he has all

year. The leadoff walk in the eighth really hurt, but he was at 105 pitches and I had made up my mind to make the move in the ninth. Bear did his job by giving us the lead."

The Demons took the lead in the bottom of the eighth after Will Watson, Ryan Keele and Stephen Gandy loaded the bases. The game was tied 3-2 after Nicholls' pitcher walked Miles Parsons to bring in Watson. The Demons offense wasn't able to bring any more scorers in for the remainder.

Nicholls tied the game at 3-3 when Brett Fredieu came in as Bear's relief in the ninth. Fredieu was pulled before the inning was over by Dustin Northcott.

"Fredieu has been good in every save opportunity he's had this year," Davis said. "He just didn't get the job done today. But we should've put the game away there in the eighth inning when we scored two runs and still had the bases loaded with no outs."

"We hurt ourselves defensively with the errors. And offensively, we left 12 runners on base. Bottom line, we just didn't do what it took to win."

The game-ending run was scored in the 11<sup>th</sup> with a single by Flores drove in the lead-off batter. The Demons return to action tonight when they play host to ULL at Brown-Stroud Field.

## NSU ladies win series against top SLC team

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Junior Kelee Grimes struck out eight in a five-hit performance Sunday while Kylie Roos drove in two runs, one with a first-inning home run, helping upstart Northwestern State to a 3-1 win at Texas-Arlington and a series triumph that knocked the Mavericks out of the lead in Southland Conference softball.

Northwestern (24-17 overall, 8-10 in the Southland) altered the top of the Southland standings for a second straight weekend. Last week, the Lady Demons split a Saturday doubleheader and dumped Texas A&M-Corpus Christi out of first, but AMCC rallied to win the Sunday game and the series, although it didn't regain the league lead until Northwestern won this weekend's series at UTA (27-15, 14-4).

The series win came with a month left in the regular season and moved NSU up to fifth in the 11-team standings after NSU has gone 3-3 against the top two teams in the past two series.

Roos rapped a two-out, full-count homer in the top of the first, her eighth round-tripper of the year. Grimes fired three strikeouts in the bottom of the inning after Kertsti Rowan led off with a triple.

The Lady Demons moved ahead 3-0 in the third on an RBI single by Roos followed by a run-scoring double from Samantha Roberts, chasing UTA ace Callie Collins (16-5).

UTA replied with an RBI double in the bottom of the inning by Rebecca Collom with one out, but Grimes (6-6) worked out of the threat and also got a ground out to strand runners at second and third an inning later. She retired nine of the game's last 10 hitters.

"Our pitching and defense has

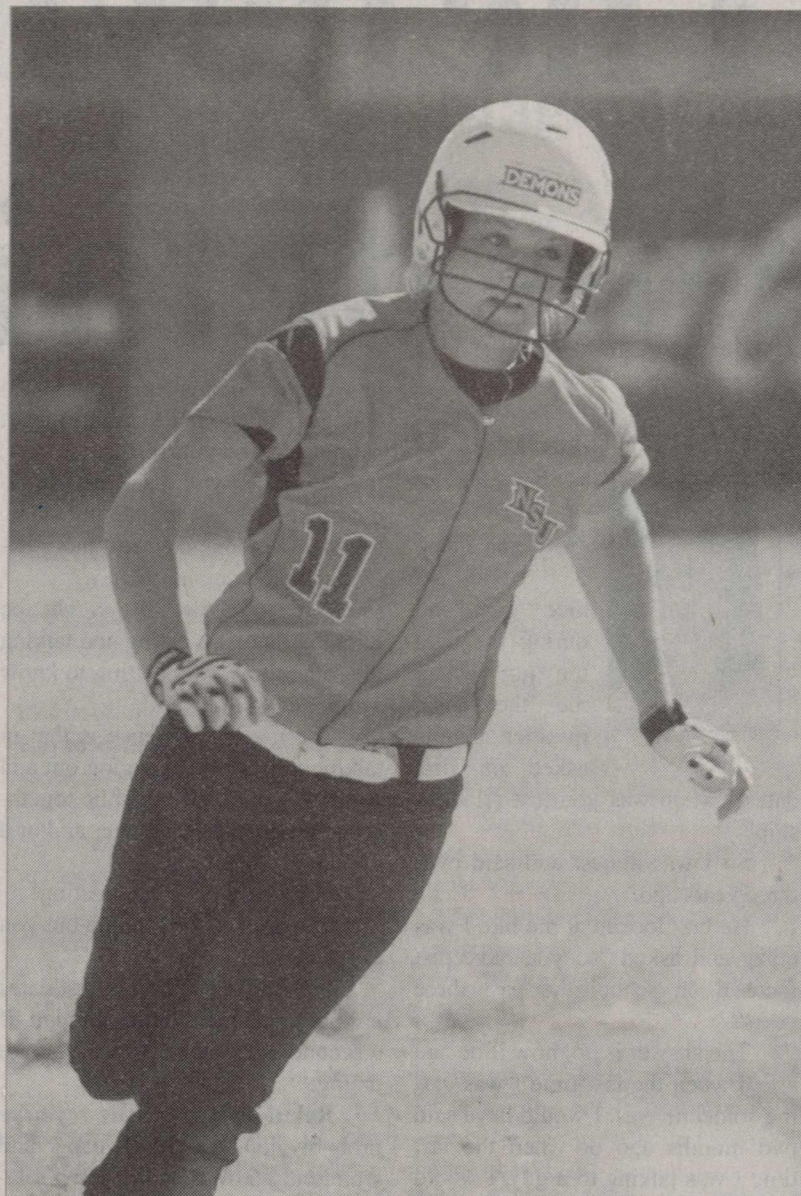


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NSU Demon Blair beard rounds third in a game against UTA. The Lady Demons won the series over them 2-1.

been pretty solid throughout the year, but our offense has been up and down. They've really been working hard and this weekend, they came out and played some pretty good ball," said third-year NSU coach Donald Pickett. "Blair Beard and Sam (Rob-

erts) both had big weekends for us. Kylie getting things going with that home run was really big, it set the

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## NSU prepares for nontraditional commencement venue

Taylor Graves  
Staff Reporter

Demolition for the new floor in Prather Coliseum started March 21 and caused spring commencement ceremonies to be moved to A. A. Frederick's Auditorium.

The floor needed to be replaced and construction would not be done in time for graduation, Charles Bourg, physical plant director, said.

So far, construction is on schedule and planned to be finished in time for when NSU hosts Louisiana Boys and Girls State during the summer.

With construction in Prather, the university moved spring graduation to A. A. Frederick's.

To accommodate the students and families, graduation has been expanded to five ceremonies, with the nursing college graduation in Bossier City at the First Baptist Church.

All other ceremonies will be held in A. A. Frederick's on May 5 and 6 with two ceremonies each day.

Although A. A. Frederick's is a smaller location, students do not have a restriction on the number of people they can invite. The administration plans to sit students toward the back of A. A. Frederick's during the ceremonies.

All faculty members have been invited to attend the graduation, but only designated faculty will march with their respective College.

Families and friends will sit



Photo by Taylor Graves/ The Current Sauce

Construction on Prather Coliseum's floors has begun and is running as scheduled. The construction has forced NSU officials to change location and increase the number of commencement ceremonies in the first week of May.

closer to the stage and in the balcony to ensure all guests will be able to see the graduates during the ceremonies.

"We are preparing for overflow in Magale Recital Hall," Lillie Bell, university registrar office, said.

The administration is also making plans for handicap accessibility

and other remodeling plans for A. A. Frederick's before the graduation date.

"We are anticipating on having no problems and trying to think of every possibility of things to do so everything goes right," Bell said.

Even though every measure has been taken to ensure a good gradu-

ation, commencement ceremonies will return to Prather during all upcoming semesters.

"Students and families prefer Prather and having graduation on Fridays, so we will continue to have them there after the floor is fixed," Bell said.

The last time a commencement

ceremony was held in A. A. Frederick's was 1988.

Ironically, the reason it was held there in 1988 was because Prather's floors were being remodeled.

We are doing everything to make sure the students remember their graduation was unique, Bell said.

## SGA passes resolution to remodel Senate-seat structure

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

As part of the Student Government Association's last order of business to be taken care of before the semester ends, the Senate voted to pass a resolution that will change the organization's representation structure.

Headed by Speaker of the Senate Matthew Morrison, the resolution is meant to shift the focus from class representation to a focus on representation from academic departments.

Currently, there are 15 seats on the Senate for freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior and graduate student representatives and another 20 seats available to At-Large Senators, totaling 35 possible seats.

Morrison said the current structure is not efficient in terms of representatives actually being able to fulfill the needs and wants of their constituents.

"I believe there is no way to specifically represent a particular class,

with the exception of the freshmen class," Morrison said.

"Whereas representing particular departments allows senators to be directly involved with their constituents and holds the senators accountable."

Morrison explained that he would like the Senate to eliminate all class representation, except for freshmen representatives.

Because it is their first time on campus, he said freshmen have special needs that could be addressed by designated freshmen representation.

Instead of class representation, Morrison wants each of the major academic colleges to have designated seats for the Senate.

Morrison said he wanted the change after he visited Louisiana State University and spoke with members of its SGA.

The representation structure at LSU is similar to the one Morrison is proposing and he said it appeared to be a more effective system.

For the moment, one of Morrison's potential plan involves the

College of Education, College of Nursing, College of Science and Technology, College of Arts and Letters and Graduate students all receiving five senate seats.

Additionally, the freshmen class would receive five seats and there would still be 20 At-large seats available.

There would be 50 total Senate seats available with this proposed plan.

This is just an idea, and the structure is subject to change, Morrison said.

He added, however, that the overall structure would resemble this proposed plan.

Because it is unlikely the SGA would be able to fill 50 seats in the Senate, Morrison said the SGA may consider reducing the number of At-Large seats.

At this point, Morrison's resolution has not been written as a piece of legislature.

The Senate will work out the issues and propose an actual bill at the start of the fall semester that would

have to be approved with a two-third majority vote for it to be implemented.

Students interviewed said they are in favor of the SGA's new resolution.

"I definitely favor the idea of having a representative in each college," said Kelby Price, a freshman criminal justice major. "Not every sophomore is like the one sophomore that is supposed to be representing them."

Senior communications major Eli Ibanga agreed.

"It sounds like the system that's in place is basically retarded," Ibanga said. "The new system seems like it would cater more to what students really want."

### Presidential Update

Tara Luck and Jake Funderburk's inauguration has been indefinitely postponed until the NSU Supreme Court has its hearing and makes a ruling on whether Luck and Funderburk's punishment for nega-

tive campaigning is adequate and constitutional.

Luck and Funderburk's original punishment of a \$250 fine is based off the ruling of the Election Board last week.

Supreme Court Justice Lewej Whitelaw appealed the Election Board's ruling, and argues that the punishment issued is neither constitutional nor harsh enough.

The Supreme Court could rule that Luck and Funderburk are ineligible to keep their new positions.

SGA Advisor Yonna Pasch said she hopes the hearing will take place before Easter holidays and everything is resolved by April 25, which is the SGA's annual banquet.

Pasch added, however, that it is not a guarantee that everything will be resolved by that point.

Chief Justice Tim Gattie decided to remove himself from involvement with this hearing, and Jules Guidry is now serving as acting chief justice.

Currently, no date has been set for the hearing.

## Daniels approaches end of term

David Royal  
Editor-in-Chief

Due to Tara Luck's inauguration being postponed until the Supreme Court has ruled on appeals filed, current Student Government Association President Mark Daniels gets to carry the title and responsibility for at least another week.

As he prepares to step down from his position, Daniels said he is pleased with what he and his Senate has accomplished in the past year, but added that they were not perfect.

"You can always do better," he said. "There's always more [the SGA] could've done."

Daniels enjoyed many aspects of being president, but said he enjoyed seeing his Senate develop over the past year the most.

"We grew from a young group to a group of experienced senators that can handle any situation," Daniels said.

Daniels explained that he is most proud of improving the SGA's senator retention rate and fixing overall functions of the organization.

"I know people may disagree, but I really do feel like we accomplished those things," he said.

SGA Adviser Yonna Pasch said she thoroughly enjoyed working with Daniels and will miss him.

"Mark [Daniels] has been an excellent president and senior," Pasch said. "I appreciate having the opportunity to work with him in the SGA for the past few years."

During his time as president, Daniels put a focus on ensuring students at NSU had representation on the state level, ushering in the new student fee policy for satellite and online students and providing funding for programs through the Student Technology Fee.

With the Student Technology Fee, Daniels helped fund the culinary department, buy microscopes for the biology department and buy instruments for the music department.

Daniels was an active component of the SGA for all four years of his college career. He became a senator in 2007 and was appointed as commissioner of External Affairs in the following fall semester.

Daniels' executive career began in the spring semester of 2008 when he served as treasurer and then served as vice president the following fall semester.

He was a senator for another year in 2009, and then completed his time with the SGA as president starting in 2010.

Overcoming student apathy concerning the university and the SGA was Daniels largest obstacle, he said.

Despite students' lack of interest, Daniels said he wants students to realize that he served for the student body.

"I hope I'm remembered for being a president that always fought for what the students wanted," Daniels said.

Daniels is expected to step down as president on April 25 at the SGA's annual banquet.

## Editor's note to NSU

To the NSU community:

I just completed writing my final two stories for *The Current Sauce*, and fittingly, they pertain to the SGA.

For almost four years, I have dedicated a significant portion of my college career reporting on the university's news that I hoped you would find beneficial and informative. Sometimes trying to make

things, like a weekly SGA meeting, sound interesting to the public was extremely difficult, but reporting on boring, yet newsworthy issues was always a priority for me.

In a couple of weeks, I will be graduating – assuming I can pass my web design class – and as I complete my final issue of the newspaper, I just wanted to thank my readers and everyone I've interviewed or encountered while working with the

Sauce. I have met many intriguing people and have thoroughly enjoyed myself.

This newspaper has served as a source of pleasure, pride and sometimes irritation. In the end, however, I have no regrets.

I used my time with *The Current Sauce* to challenge and better myself, while trying to provide a quality news product for you. I truly hope I succeeded.

Although it seems like everybody and their momma is feeling the strain of budget cuts, I am happy to say *The Current Sauce* will still continue next year.

As I'm being replaced, I simply ask that you remember that this is a student led and operated newspaper, so mistakes will be made. I'm sure next year's staff will strive to do their best, but when they slip up, like myself and others before me have

done, just keep in mind that they are still in the process of learning their profession.

Again, thank you for the support for the past four years and farewell.

Sincerely,

David Royal

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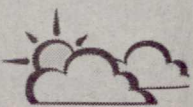
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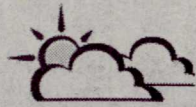
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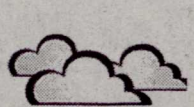
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## Greeks return to Ancient Greece for annual celebration



Photo By James Ponder

Pictured above are fraternity and sorority members posing after the Mudpit Tug of War event on Monday.

Jeff Sholar  
Sauce Reporter

For four days members of Northwestern State Greek community came together for one purpose...to create unity by having fun.

Order of Omega, sponsors of Greek Week, made it a priority to cater their events to appeal to all Greek organizations and their members. It is important that Fraternity and Sorority members are not only supportive in their own organization but in Greek life as well.

The week started on Sunday with a barbecue located on the lot between the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and Phi Mu Fraternity houses.

All of the events were to be

hosted by an elected Greek god and goddess. Greek members voted Jackson McNeal from Theta Chi Fraternity and Jillian Corder from Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority.

"It is an honor to be chosen by the Greek community to represent them during Greek Week. It's one thing to be judged by a panel, but it means more to know that my peers chose me," Corder said.

Along with the barbecue, Greek members were divided up in teams to participate in a Step Show.

Blake Dodson, junior health and human performance education major and Theta Chi member, enjoyed working closely with others.

"It was a great way to get all fraternities and sororities involved and just spending time and having fun

together," Dodson said. "And to me that's what Greek life should be all about."

Monday Dodson, along with other Greek members, were teamed up again in a relay of games. The games ranged from an obstacle relay to tug of war over a mud pit.

"It's pretty fun," Chase Harvey, junior criminal justice major and member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, said. "It was a good way to still have competition."

In addition to the games, Greek organizations had a chance to build and race their own chariots.

Overall, Monday's event was the highlight to many Greek organizations.

"I had a great time at the games," Hannah Thomas, junior psychology

major and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, said. "It was fun to watch some of the groups do some crazy things."

Tuesday, fraternity and sorority members competed in a statue contest. Their statues were displayed on the Student Union bridge and then again at that night's event, Songfest.

Songfest was a chance for Greek members to show off their hidden talents in a new twist on the lip sync that is performed traditionally for homecoming.

Five Greek organizations competed in this contest. In the fraternity division, Kappa Alpha Order and Theta Chi competed.

"Being Andre 3000 was an honor of mine cause I've always love the song 'Roses,'" Josh Foshee, ju-

nior hospitality management tourism major and Kappa Alpha member, said.

Members of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma participated in the sorority division.

Maddy Tolson, junior elementary education major and member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, said she had a blast performing with her fellow sisters.

"Performing 'Mountain High' is a part of my life so I was really honored," Tolson said. "(We) were keeping it classy and having fun with sisterhood."

Tonight, Greek members will be able to finish the week with an old fashioned Toga Party and Open Mic Night located in the Student Union ballroom.

Throughout the week Greek members also came together to support two philanthropies, the Boys and Girls club and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The goal was to raise money and awareness for the two causes.

But even through all the competitions, games and fun, Greek organizations came together as one Greek life organization. This was the goal that Corder believes this week has met.

"All the events are fun and exciting, but my favorite aspect of the week is the friendships that will be made between Greeks," Corder said. "This week isn't about different groups competing against each other, but more about joining together to celebrate Greek Life at NSU."

## Spirit of Northwestern Band turns 100

Natalie Stewart  
Practicum Student

NSU's Spirit of Northwestern held their 100th anniversary concert on Sunday in the A.A. Frederick's Auditorium.

The concert featured NSU Brass Ensemble, Symphony Band, Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony and a Centennial Band featuring band alumni.

Since 1990, the band has averaged between 275 and 300 members making it the largest spirit group on campus.

The Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Jeff Mathews, performed "Centennial Fanfare," "Lyric Essay" and "Blast."

The Symphony Band, conducted by Kevin Richardson, performed "Circus Days" and "Dona Nobis Pa-

cem."

Wind Ensemble, also under the direction of Richardson, performed "Eternal Father Strong to Save" and "Arabesque," with guest conductor Gregory Handel.

Bill Brent conducted the Wind Symphony for the premiere of "Cane River Murals."

The Centennial Band played "Under the Double Eagle," "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral," "Suite No. 1 in E-flat, Movement 3," "Irish Tune from County Derry" and the "NSU Fight Song."

The Centennial Band was conducted by past director of bands Jerry Payne, 1973 - 1977, Kenneth Caldwell, 1979 - 1982, associate director of bands Caroline Beatty, 2004, Robert Upton, associate director of bands from 1992 - 1993, and Bill Brent, current director.

"I have many fond memories of

my work here," Brent said. "Among the best would be the year SON was actually larger (1985), than the marching band at Louisiana Tech in the former 'State Fair Game.' It was pretty obvious to our fans and more important to me that that size and quality of the band was the response from the Demon fans."

Brent is in his 28th year as the Director of Bands at NSU.

"Most importantly, I remember the hundreds of students who have worn the purple and white cape all of these years," Brent said. "I have to acknowledge that none of my achievements would have been possible without the hard work of the band members, the constant support with recruiting displayed by the music faculty, the financial support of the administration of the university and wonderful alumni members who refer students to me all of the time."

## The Look Book: Makeup

Tiffany Hall  
Practicum Student

After realizing that I bought the wrong shade of red lipstick from MAC and my face illuminator from Victoria's Secret magically disappeared, I really felt like talking about makeup.

This column is going to be mainly about the products that I use on a regular basis. With that being said, I am highly aware of the fact that everyone does not have the same shade of skin or even the same skin type.

I personally encourage you to try and figure out what works best for you. A lot of my products that I have in my makeup bag are from trial and error.

For yours truly, I do not leave my house without foundation and mascara on. If I do happen to leave the house without either item on,

more than likely I'm sick.

For my skin type (which is combination) sometimes I use a liquid foundation. Right now I'm using a compact, which is like a liquid and powder in one.

If your skin is dry, the best foundation item to use is a liquid, and if your skin is oily then you should try using a powder foundation to help keep down the shine from the oils on your face.

All of my MAC items are foundations, concealers, lip-glosses and lip sticks. The line from MAC that I've been using the most has been the Mineralize items.

If any of you ladies notice, the mineral makeup trend has been very popular within the past few years. MAC's Mineralize items give your skin a vibrant glow. Now mind you, MAC is more of an expensive brand, and it can add up very quickly, but it is definitely worth every cent.

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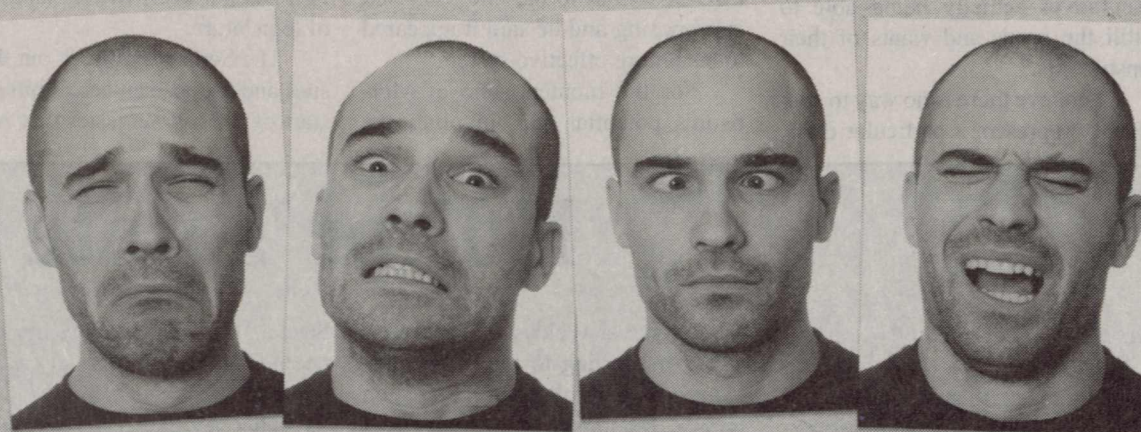
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# Bar crawl BS'in with the Bull: Final hoorah

Z.K. McLendon  
Staff Columnist



On the morning of April 9, I received a savage phone call. It was a good acquaintance of mine from high school.

He had called to let me know that he was moving on; trading in his moon-howling nights for marriage, a mortgage and all the other duties of a suburbanized life.

I played the role of devout listener, replicated some joyful words and then quickly got off the phone.

I felt sick—another one moving on, another one surpassing while I remain fixed in the chaotic limbo of youthful hopes and dreams and adulthood.

To remedy this frantic affliction, I called my best friend, Joe.

We concocted a brilliant plan that could cure any ailment: a front street bar crawl.

Pioneer Pub: We sat at the bar with two Jack and Cokes, reminis-

ing (as old friends do) about our high school trek to Ireland: about the green hills rolling on forever into the horizon, dragging along with them all the foolish hopes and dreams that a 17-year-old boy could possibly have.

What a magnificent time that was.

Hana's: The bar was completely empty, but what can you expect at 3 o'clock in the afternoon?

Joe and I ordered our drinks: he an Amerada and Coke and I a Jack and Coke.

We didn't converse. Instead we watched the LSU scrimmage.

Football has always fascinated me: the beautiful ballet of raw brutality.

We watched as a new generation of young men ran, passed and tackled their way towards a dream.

The bar began to feel lonely, so we finished our drinks, and got the hell out of there.

Mama's: I was in the middle of ordering a Jack and Coke until Joe intercepted me.

"You're going to order the same drink? That's not what this day is about," Joe announced.

He was right, so I ordered a vodka and Coke instead.

Papa's: By this time the vodka had kicked in, and the rest of the bar crawl is a complete haze.

I only remember this brief dialogue:

"I don't think I can make it, Joe."

"Sure you can. I've seen you drink more."

"We need to go back to Ireland."

"We will, Z... we will."

The Landing: I remember nothing from the Landing, besides a few words I wrote down on some bar napkins.

I woke up the next morning feeling embarrassed.

Sure we will go back to Ireland; perhaps we will stand in the same exact spots that captivated us so long ago.

But those days are long behind us.

And the dreams and hopes that they conveyed are long...

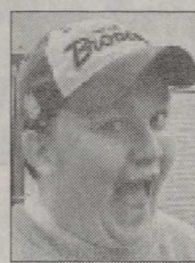
Well maybe not.

I only kept one of the bar napkins from the Landing, and it reads:

"Life is but a series of bar crawls: sometimes you make it, sometimes you don't. But what matters most is that you try. Just try."

So here's to trying my friends. Cheers!

Andy Bullard  
Opinion Editor



This is literally one of the hardest columns I have had to write, ever. It is so difficult because this is my last one for *The Current Sauce*.

I have been a member of the Sauce staff for the past three years.

I was sports co-editor, sports editor and now opinions editor.

This is my last column because I am finally going to graduate from NSU.

And over my time here, I have learned several things, but I think the most important thing that I have learned is that you can't take things too seriously.

I mean life; no one gets out alive right?

So take it from me. Someone who has been there. Someone who has put off that 10-page research paper until the day before it was due. Or take it from someone who has studied for a final exam while driving to take the test.

Take the time to enjoy your college run.

Take the time to go out and be with friends.

Take the time to enjoy all the things that college has to offer, because if you don't, you will look back on your life and realize that you have missed so much.

You only have a few years in college where you don't have any real responsibilities.

Take advantage of that.

Anyway, just get the best experience out of this as you possibly can.

With that said, I want to thank everyone that has read my columns.

Without you there is no real reason for me to be here and trying to perfect my craft.

I also want to thank all of my friends who have helped me throughout this process.

I especially want to thank my parents because without them I would not have had the strength to do this.

I also want to thank my teachers that have taught me so much and have helped me become the journalist that I am today.

And while I'm thanking people I best thank some of the best bosses I have ever had; Leah Guidry, Joe Cunningham and David Royal.

They are seriously some of the best Editor-in-Chiefs anyone could work for.

I think the thing I am going to miss most about NSU and *The Current Sauce* is that I will no longer be able to enter in your brains with my columns week after week because I have enjoyed this little relationship we have had over the course of the past three years.

Anyway thanks for reading and will see you in the funny pages.

## Letters to the Editor

Therease Ratliff

Per Mr. McLendon's comment in the April 13, 2011 Opinions section of the *Current Sauce*.

I object to his "opinion" that God hates freedom. If that were the case, then he (Mr. McLendon) willingly subjects himself to servitude to a master, that is if he truly follows and acknowledges the state-

ment that he made.

Mr. McLendon, neither does God take pleasure in the folly of men who misquote his intentions.

I'm in no position to force my opinion on you; rather, it is my right to defend the words and intentions of the Word. In that passage, I don't see how you take the word "may" and apply it in a sense that would imply that you "must."

I'm not attempting to discredit your purpose for the article, but I feel that some discretion must be used when writing "opinions" that are to be shared with mass audiences, because whether you admit it or not, this is how ignorance is spread in the first place... And that seems to contradict the overall message that you are trying to relay in your article.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an article in last week's newspaper edition concerning the SGA executive campaign.

Prior to reading the article, I was under the impression that petty and childlike behavior was limited only to national politics.

In our current political climate, one cannot turn on the television without being bombarded with negativity coming from both sides of the aisle.

Such negative behavior is clearly not limited to national politics, but also to our own recent SGA election. Thomas stated she was "disappointed in the general lack of professionalism that was displayed by people in the SGA."

Personally, I must say that I am equally "disgusted" with her campaign's behavior following the election.

It's clear to me that Whitelaw, Ford and Whitaker are seeking disqualification of Luck and Funderburk from the positions of president

and vice president for no other reason than to exact a personal vendetta.

If they were truly concerned with the integrity of the election they would accept the Election Board's ruling.

The student body has made their decision in the election. We are all adults and our actions should reflect this fact. It's time to move forward past this election.

Kindly,  
Michael Barker

This will be the last issue of *The Current Sauce* for the school year. From everyone here at *The Current Sauce* we would like to thank you for reading week in and week out. For those of you returning next year you can catch us next school year. And Congratulations to everyone graduating

~The Current Sauce Staff

### Reminder:

The NSU Potpourri will be handed on during the last two weeks of the semester on the first floor of Kyser Hall.

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## NSU stands out at home track meet

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Northwestern State got a meet and Walter Ledet Track Complex record among two wins by Lady Demons All-American Trecey Rew, while Demons senior Mike Green twice crossed the finish line first to provide some of the highlights of The Leon Johnson NSU Invitational track and field meet Saturday.

Competitors representing 17 schools along with several unattached athletes took part in the meet, renamed this year to honor Johnson, the 29-year veteran NSU head coach.

It is the only collegiate track meet in the country named after an active head coach, and he was honored in a brief ceremony including Northwestern president Dr. Randy Webb and athletics director Greg Burke.

Rew's 53-10 1/2 shot put bettered by more than a foot her own meet and complex standard set last year, and moved her up to No. 11 nationally. She took the discus, where her 174-8 is 13th in the country, with a 170-2 throw, fouling by a foot on her final attempt with an effort of 177-0 that would have broken her meet and complex records and moved her up to No. 7 nationally.

Green claimed the men's 400 in 47.45 and anchored the 4x100 relay team to a 40.57 winning mark.

Rew's victories were among a meet-best five by the Lady Demons, matched by Texas-Arlington's men. For the Northwestern women, Karen Ellis captured the 1500 in 4:44.01, while Consuela Lindsay took the 400 hurdles in 1:02.50, and the Lady Demon 4x100 relay foursome of Angelica Kotun, Quina Griffin, Constance Seibles and Shamaigun VanBuren ran a winning 47.00 time.

In the women's division, UTA picked up four wins, Stephen F. Aus-

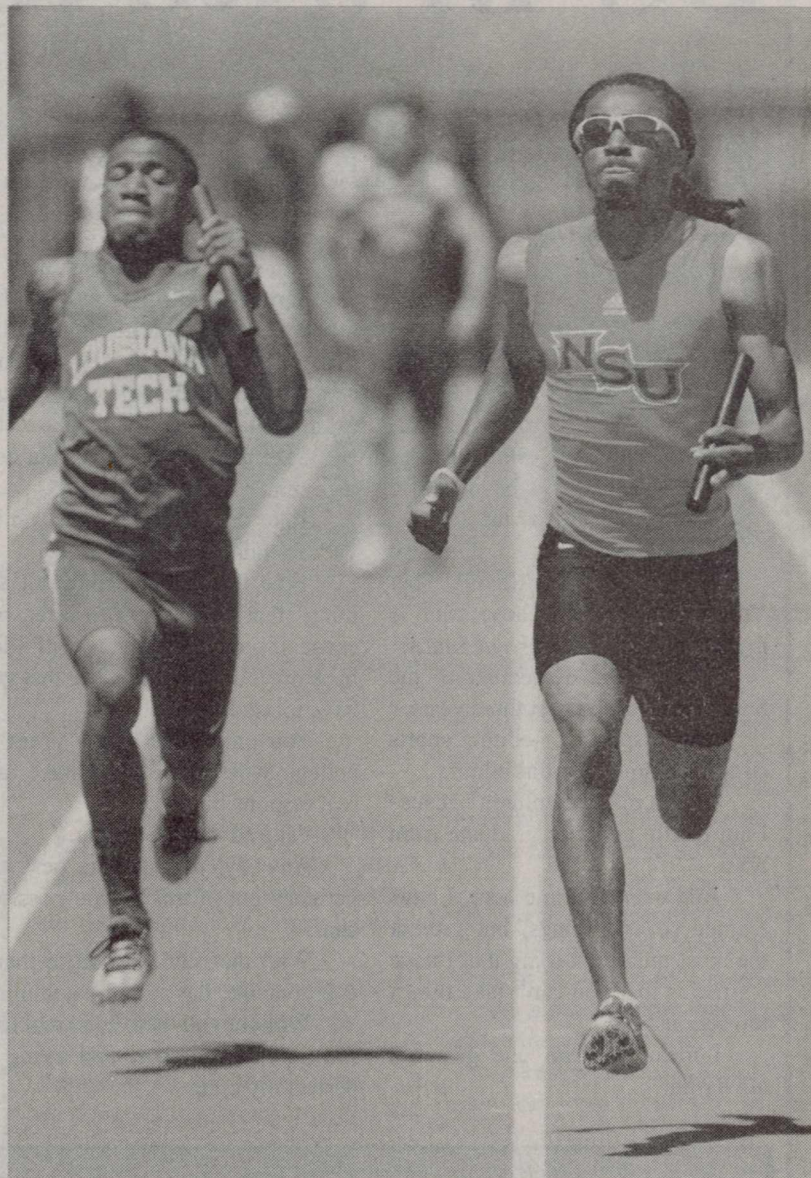


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Mike Green sprints ahead to help the Demon win the 4x100 meter relay

tin had three, Louisiana Tech two, and one victory each went to Southeastern Louisiana, Texas Southern and Louisiana-Monroe. Unattached athletes won two events, with Northwestern competitors being the runner-ups and top collegiate finishers in both of those -- DeJon Griffin posting a 174-0 hammer throw, and Jessica Talley recording a 146-0 javelin mark.

Among men's teams, Southeastern and Louisiana Tech won three events, NSU and SFA took two, while Central Arkansas, McNeese and Louisiana-Lafayette each picked one first place. Unattached entries won three men's events.

For the rest of the press release: check out [www.nsudemons.com](http://www.nsudemons.com)

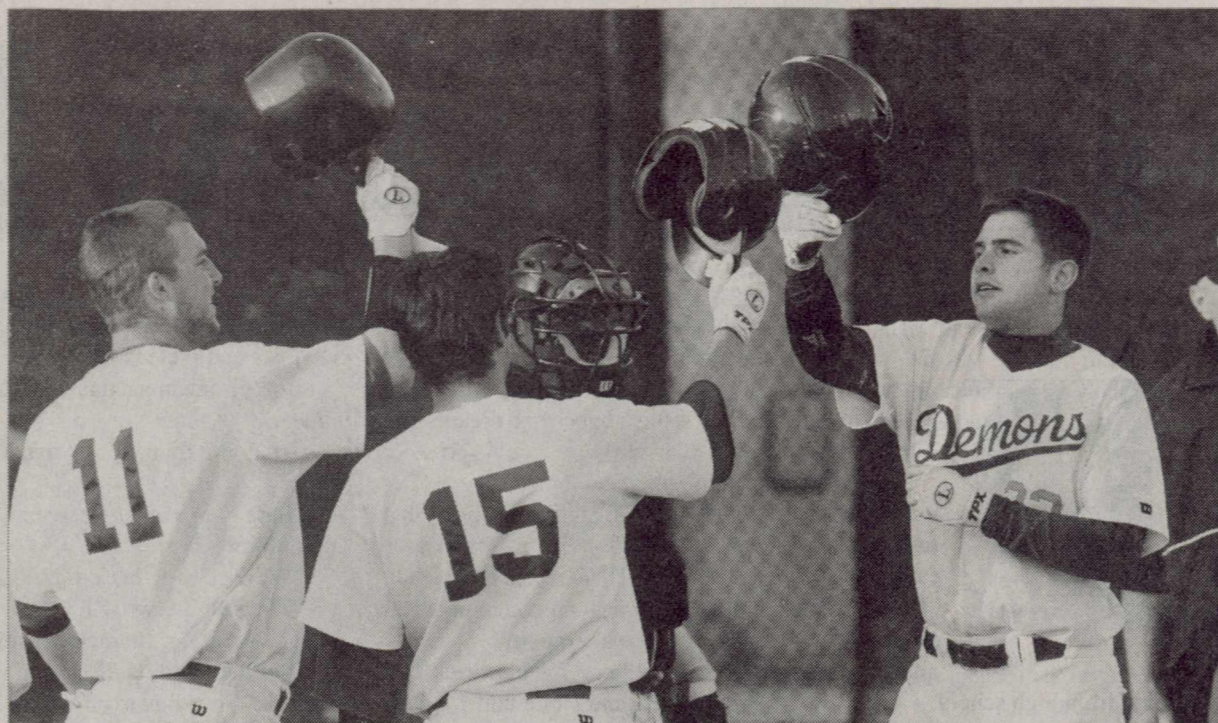


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Colin Bear, Chris Hebert and Matthew Farmer celebrate after a run. The Demons beat UTSA 13-11.

## Extra-inning runs give Demons win

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Justin Martinez blasted two home runs, the second coming with one out in the top of the 10th inning to help ignite a three-run frame, and Northwestern State sidestepped a Southland Conference sweep by Texas-San Antonio after a 13-11 win on Sunday.

The win snapped a six-game league losing streak suffered by the Demons as they improve to 13-24 overall and 4-14 in league play. UTSA fell to 16-22 on the season and 8-10 in the Southland. NSU will host the SLC's co-leader Texas State in a three-game series beginning Thursday night at 6:30 after a Tuesday night visit to Grambling.

"I'm really proud of our guys today the way they battled back,"

said head coach. "It was a great job by our hitters to battle back and put us in a position to win and eventually win the game."

Martinez and shortstop Nick Hinojos combined to pick up seven of the Demons' 15 hits on the day. Martinez finished 3-for-6 with two homers, three RBI, and three runs scored while Hinojos went 4-for-6 with a home run, double, six RBI and a run scored. He was a triple shy of hitting for the cycle.

Omar Garcia added to his great weekend with a 2-for-6 game with his second homer in as many days and two RBI.

"(Justin) Martinez, (Nick) Hinojos, and (Omar) Garcia were outstanding today at the plate," said Davis. "They were the difference in today's game."

Martinez led-off the game with

a solo home run, his first of the season, and after falling behind 8-2 after three innings, Garcia cranked a two-run homer in the top of the fourth to cut the gap to 8-4.

UTSA picked up a run in the bottom of the fifth off of relief pitcher Dustin Northcott, who entered the game after the Roadrunners plated four runs in the third. Northcott got the win after throwing seven innings and allowed three runs on seven hits with six strike outs.

A three-run home run by Hinojos in the sixth inning sparked a five-run inning that included RBI singles by Martinez and Colin Bear to help tie the game at 9-9.

For the rest of the press release: check out [www.nsudemons.com](http://www.nsudemons.com)

## Dynomite: First impression of Demons

Jimmie Walker  
Sports Editor



The Demons took the field last Thursday for the annual Joe Delaney bowl.

The game ended the spring camp for the team but it did leave some good impressions. The Demons were the fourth most improved Division I team last year and this was their chance to show how much they have changed since then.

Returning starting quarterback Paul Harris showcased his throwing ability, hitting 6 of 12 targets for 94 yards. He looked like he made an improvement from last year.

Harris also made some good decision and had great pocket presence while under center. He showed more confidence in his arm but he was not

afraid to run for some extra yards either.

Demon newcomer Brad Henderson was just as impressive at the quarterback position. Henderson is a junior transfer from East Mississippi Community College. I was impressed with his ability to play with both starters and second team players. He actually impressed me more than Harris. He connected 15 out of 20 times for 213 yards. He and Demon flanker T.C. Henry came together on a 29-yard touchdown pass. I think Henderson will be a great player in the fall based on his performance in this game. He didn't run out of the pocket much, but he showed is elusiveness when he need to.

It will be interesting to see this quarterback competition between Harris and Henderson heat up over the summer months.

Junior tailback Sidney Riley was also a top performer as he won

Most Valuable Player award for the White team. Riley carried the ball 17 times for 55 yards.

D.J. Palmer led all rushers with 17 carries and 67 yards. Interchangeable backs will be key for the upcoming season. The other notable MVPs for the game were senior Justin Aldredge for the Purple offense and Derek Rose for the Purple defense.

Aldredge caught four passes for 76 yards and Rose had 12 tackles.

Both defensive squads played fundamentally sound. Rose and company held the White team to 110 total yards for the game. The White team was able to hold the Purple team in check early in the game as well.

Overall, the team looked really good. There are some things that need to be improved, but they have the summer to work on it. This team will be in contention for the Southland Conference Championship.

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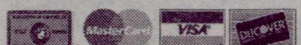
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